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INDIA'S SUSPICION.

Has Government Made up Mind.

NO GROUND FOR BELIEF

London, Nov. 25.
During a discussion on procedure at the Round Table Federal Structure Committee, the Secretary for India, Sir Samuel Hoare, said there was no ground whatever for the suspicions that the Government had irrevocably decided upon a course of policy contrary to that hitherto adopted in trying to settle Indian constitutional questions by conference and agreement.

The Government had been incessantly engaged in attempting quite honestly and with open minds to gather representative Indian opinion, and interviews between the Prime Minister and the leading representatives in the conference were still proceeding.

Mahatma Gandhi raised the question of the situation in Bengal, and Sir Samuel Hoare, who said he did not agree with the picture Gandhi had painted, added that he had invited him to the India Office when they would explain what they believed to be the real state of affairs there.

Subject to some minor amendments the Reports on Defence and External Affairs were approved this afternoon, and the debate on financial safeguards was continued.

Premier's Refusal.

Following a refusal by the Prime Minister at question time in the House of Commons to give an undertaking that no statement on the Government's Indian policy should be given at the Round Table Conference until the approval of Parliament had been obtained, Mr. Bracken, Conservative Member for North Paddington, gave notice that he would raise the matter on a motion for adjournment to-night—*British Wireless.*

RUBBER INDUSTRY SCHEME WANTED.

APPEAL IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

London, Nov. 25.
Speaking in the House of Commons to-night, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister said he would welcome an effective scheme for improving conditions in the rubber industry. It should be comprehensive, administratively practicable and effective for the purpose of co-ordinating supply and demand.—*Reuter.*

Questions were asked regarding the institution of negotiations with the Dutch Government and the British Colonies interested in rubber production with a view to arriving at some means of restricting output and what measures Governments of Malaya and Ceylon proposed to assist that industry. The Colonial Secretary Sir R. Cunliffe Lister, replied that no measures have been proposed by the Governments of Malaya or Ceylon, but he understood some informal discussions had taken place between various interests concerned.—*British Wireless.*

NEW LABOUR PEER TAKES SEAT.

VISCOUNT SNOWDEN INSTALLED

London, Nov. 25.
Viscount Snowden, robed in scarlet and ermine, and leaning on two sticks, took his seat in the House of Lords to-day, amid picturesque ceremonial and escorted by Viscounts D'Abernon and Leigh. There was a large attendance of peers and peeresses, members of the House of Commons and the public, while Mr. Ramsey MacDonald, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Mr. Walter Runciman and other members of the Cabinet, watched the ceremony from the steps of the Throne.—*Reuter.*

GEN. HONJO'S LATEST ULTIMATUM.

Withdrawal of Chinese Troops from Chinchow Demanded.

SERIOUS DISQUIET IN PEKING.

DR. SZE SEEKS NEUTRAL ZONE IN REGION.

LEAGUE'S RESOLUTION.

DISQUIETING REPORTS from Peking state that General Honjo, commander-in-chief of the Japanese forces in Manchuria, has addressed an "ultimatum" to the commanders of the Manchuria troops at Chinchow, demanding their immediate withdrawal into China Proper. Japanese forces in the vicinity have been considerably strengthened and an attack, in the absence of voluntary Chinese retirement, is considered inevitable.

The message of the Japanese commander is said to state that the presence of concentrated Chinese troops is regarded as a menace. Meanwhile, the situation in North Manchuria again gives rise to some anxiety. Ma Chan-shan is reported to be massing his forces at Hailungfu, preparatory to a counter-attack on Tsitsihar.

The League Council has drafted a resolution designed to bring an immediate end to hostilities. Mr. Yoshizawa has informed the Council, that Japan will accept the resolution, with the exception of a sub-section under which the parties undertake not to take any initiative likely to cause loss of life.

DELICACY OF PARIS PROCEEDINGS.

Paris, Nov. 25.
Dr. Alfred Sze has presented to the League Secretariat, a Note based on his latest instructions. Dr. Sze is most silent regarding the instructions and is leaving M. L. and to acquaint members of the Council.

M. Brinard has telegraphed to the Chinese and Japanese Governments calling on them to observe a complete cessation of hostilities.

The League Council, in the hope of reaching a unanimous resolution, including conformity by China and Japan to Article 11 of the Covenant, has drawn up a draft scheme which deals separately with the withdrawal of Japanese troops to within the railway zone and the appointment of an international Commission.

Council's Resolution.

The substance of the League Council's scheme is as follows: The resolution of September 30, is recalled and it is reaffirmed that the two parties declare they are solemnly bound by that resolution. The two Governments are accordingly invited to take all steps necessary to secure its execution, so that the withdrawal of Japanese troops within the railway zone, to which the Council attaches the utmost importance, may be effected.

The resolution further demands that the two parties undertake to give to their respective forces, strict orders to refrain from any initiative which may lead to further fighting and loss of life. The parties are also called on to take all measures necessary to avoid any further aggravation of the situation.

It is further proposed to appoint a Commission to study the situation on the spot, and to report to the Council, on any circumstance which affects international relations, or threatens to disturb peace between China and Japan.

America Agrees.

American has endorsed the League Council's resolution, and has advised both China and Japan to accept it.

Washington, Nov. 25.
Mr. H. L. Stimson has received from General Dawes indications that the nations represented at the League Council in Paris, are moving towards agreement on a course of action regarding the Manchurian crisis. The United States Government has, it is reported, issued a state-

ment in which it says it is prepared to support the dispatch of a neutral Commission of Enquiry to Manchuria without consideration of the question of the withdrawal of Japanese troops from areas outside the railway zone.—*Reuter.*

Neutral Zone Suggestion.

A proposal to establish a neutral zone in the region of Chinchow is made in the message from Dr. Sze to the League Secretariat, and published by Sir Eric Drummond this afternoon.

Japan has intimated that she is prepared to accept the League's resolution, with the exception of the undertaking to refrain from initiative likely to cause loss of life.—*Reuter.*

League Commission.

London, Nov. 25.
Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons to-day, replied to several questions relating to the situation in Manchuria.

He said the terms of the proposal which the Japanese delegate had made to the League Council on November 21st were that a League Commission should be sent to study on the spot the situation in Manchuria and in China generally.

It would be understood that the Commission would not intervene in direct negotiations between the parties and would not attempt to interfere with the movements of troops on either side.

Chinese Attitude.

The Chinese delegate said he could not commit himself to acceptance of the proposed Commission until he knew further details. The idea of the Commission was welcomed, in general terms, by the other members of the Council, including the British representative. The proposal was being carefully studied by the Council.

Sir John added that the British Government was co-operating in the fullest way with the other members of Council to bring the contending parties together in an effort to reach an agreed solution. The leader of the Opposition, Mr. George Lansbury, gave notice that they would raise the matter on the adjournment and state their views.

Replying to other questions, Sir John Simon said the principal of the "Open Door" for international trade in Manchuria was safeguarded by the Nine Power (Continued on Page 14.)



Mr. Yoshizawa, Japan's delegate in Paris. Japan, he says, will accept the League's resolution, with the exception of one important undertaking contained therein.

Proposed Flight to Far East.

MAY CONTINUE ROUND WORLD.

London, Nov. 25.
Mr. T. H. Chamberlain, the West Hartlepool's airman, who received an anonymous gift of £500 the other day, has purchased a second-hand machine from Lady Bailey, and proposes to start his flight to the Far East on December 19. Chamberlain will make the trip via India, and he expects to reach Tokyo in ten days, if possible continuing round the world. He will be accompanied on the flight by an officer of the Royal Air Force.—*Reuter.*

Thieves forced an entry the night before last into the offices of Messrs. Pentreath & Co., in Alexander Building, and stole an electric clock and table fan, valued altogether at \$14. The flatlight over the door was found to be open by Mr. G. A. Pentreath when he returned in the morning.

Future Suburban Garden City.

Extensive Survey Commenced of New Site in Kowloon.

Little red and white flags scattered over an area of nearly thirty acres of ground are conspicuously displayed at a number of points on the land recently acquired in Kowloon by the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co. Enquiries by the Hongkong Telegraph revealed the fact that the flags mark the triangulation stations which are being set up in connection with a complete survey of the land, preparatory to the drawing up of the final general layout plan on which engineers of the Company are engaged. No sooner did the Construction Company acquire this extensive area from the Government than application was made for the setting out of the lot on the ground. Work was at once taken in hand by the Public Works Department, and almost simultaneously members of the Company's staff commenced their survey. The tachometric plan, for greater accuracy and speed, has been adopted. During the week, surveyors, with a gang of coolies carrying the instruments, have been seen travelling over the hills, and here

MANCHESTER NOVEMBER HANDICAP PROBABLES.

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SILVER MARKET EASY.

FALL IN LONDON AND NEW YORK.

DOLLAR DOWN.

Speculators were selling on the London silver market yesterday and the price fell a farthing both ready and forward, the spot rate being officially fixed at 18.7/16d. After the official fixing, America took an interest in the market, coming in as a seller. In the absence of buyers, the tone of the market was rather weak.

As easy tone prevailed in New York, where transactions were small. The price was down from 30 1/2 cents to 30 cents. Uncertainty still exists in the local market, and the undertone, reacting to the news from New York, is easy. The official rate was down an eighth. Business was done at 1s. 4 1/4d and 1s. 4 1/2d. An error appeared inadvertently yesterday, suggesting that business was done locally at 1s. 5d. The ruling rate, in fact, was between 1s. 4 1/4d and 1s. 4 1/2d. By mistake, reference was made to a forward quotation. The Shanghai market this morning produced business at 1s. 9 3/4d and 1s. 9 7/16d. Sterling fell to 3.65 in New York yesterday, but later improved slightly to 3.66 1/2.

NON-STOP FLIERS RETURNING.

R.A.F. MONOPLANE AT MARSEILLES.

London, Nov. 25.
The Royal Air Force long range Fairey Napier monoplane which is expected to make an attempt on the long distance record flight before Christmas, reached Marseilles early this afternoon after its flight of nearly 1,000 miles from Malta. It will continue its homeward journey on Friday.—*British Wireless.*

MR. W. YU'S HORSE NOT RUNNING.

THE IRISH SWEEP.

London, Nov. 25.
Ten of the fifty-six horses drawn in the recent Irish Sweep stake on the forthcoming Manchester November Handicap, are among the final non-acceptances for the race, which is to be run on Saturday.

It was declared to-day that people who have drawn numbers for them consequently have to be content with a mere £66 each. Included in this list is Mr. W. Yu, of Shelly Street, Hongkong, who drew Jacques Mille Blanche.

The non-acceptors are Brimoux, Bonny Boy II, Strephon II, Ardglass, Rackety Lassie, Sans Espoir, Notice Board, Codicil, Jacques Emile Blanche and Dooley.

Probable Runners.

The probable runners and jockeys announced for the race are:—
Ut Majour (Beary).
Hot Bun (Jones).
Lord Bill (Pat Beasley).
Coaster (Freddie Fox).
Rock Star (Steve Donoghue).
Insurance (Harry Beasley).
Salman (T. Weston).
Truncheon (Ray).
Six Wheeler (Taylor).
Cat-o-Nine-Tails (Harry Wraggs).
Bland Earna (McGuigan).
Redwood (Nevett).
Fire Away (Martin).
Residue (Sirett).
Bower of Roses (Roberts).
Lone Knight (S. Wraggs).
North Drift (Dowdall).
Gallic (Dines).
Rivalry (Sones).
British Sailor (Gordon Richards).
Promptitude (Stephenson).
Scardroy (Burns).
Shining Jewel (Fred Rickaby).
Scour Toy (Barber).
Summer Princess (Robertson).
Sonsolona (Evans).
Tino' Mint (Smirke).
Earnhill (Lightfoot).
Lucelle (Rook).
Lemonition (Caldwell).
Pard (Smith).
Counter (Fearn).
Castle Bagot (Conlon).
Princetown (Quick).
Song of Essex (Berry).
Mr. Bertram (Carr).
No jockeys have yet been engaged for Sir Joshua, Poor Lad, Evening Glory, Advancer, Nestorian, Signifier, and Potchim.

Latest Call-Over.

The betting call-over at the Victoria Club last night showed the following odds:—
100/6 Rock Star (o).
18/1 British Sailor (t. and o.).
20/1 Salman (t. and o.).
22/1 Redwood (t. and o.).
25/1 Hotbud (t. and o.).
25/1 Gallic (o. 28/1 t.).
25/1 Northdrift (o. 28/1 t.).
25/1 Residue (o. 33/1 t.).
28/1 Truncheon (t. and o.).
33/1 Blandearn (o.).
40/1 Scardroy (o. 40/1 t.).
40/1 Moon Toy (t. and o.).
40/1 Advancer (t. and o.).
40/1 Cat-o-Nine-Tails (c.).
40/1 Arkonute (o.).
40/1 Lord Bill (o.).
40/1 Coaster (o.).
50/1 Pard (t. and o.).
50/1 Sir Joshua (t. and o.).
50/1 Promptitude (t. and o.).
50/1 Six Wheeler and Fireway.
60/1 Bower of Roses Nestorian, Isthmus, Lucelle, Song of Essex, Lone Knight (o.).
100/1 Others.—*Reuter.*

Chu Han-yuen, aged 22, yesterday suffered rather serious injuries resulting from a fall down some steps leading up to the roof of her home at 111, Apulu Street, Shamshuiho. She was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

HEADMASTER'S APPEAL RESULT.

COURT UPHOLDS CONVICTION.

FINE REDUCED.

The sentence of a fine of \$500 or three months' hard labour imposed by a Police Magistrate on Chan Woon-cho, Headmaster of the Yauk Chee Boys' and Girls' School, No. 491, Nathan Road, on a charge under the Emergency Regulations of being in possession of a letter, anti-Japanese in tone, considered likely to cause a breach of the peace, was reduced to a fine of \$25 in an appeal judgment delivered this morning.

In this case both Chan Woon-cho and Lan Wing-sang, an assistant master, were convicted for different offences by the Magistrate, the former being sentenced to six months' hard labour and the latter to twelve months' hard labour. A re-hearing was granted and the Magistrate reduced the sentence on Chan to a fine of \$500 or three months' hard labour but confirmed his sentence on Lan.

Subsequently an appeal was heard before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Lindell) at the conclusion of which the appeal of Lan Wing-sang was allowed with costs, their Lordships deciding to rehear the appeal of Chan de novo.

The Chief Justice, this morning delivered judgment on this appeal, and the Puisne Judge concurred in his finding. Sir Joseph Kemp said:—At the close of the case for the prosecution on the rehearing we held that there was a case to answer, i.e. that there were evidence leading to the inference that the objectionable letter, exhibit two, was in the possession of the defendant with his knowledge. When a thing is found on a person's premises, the place where it is found is of great importance. If the evidence is that it was found on the premises, it would not be possible to infer knowledge. If it was found in the defendant's private safe, knowledge could be inferred.

Conviction Confirmed.

Here, the document, was found in a pile of papers on the defendant's desk. The defendant's evidence simply was (1) a denial of knowledge and (2) a statement that all the teachers were allowed to open letters. He called no other evidence and he made no attempt to show by whom the document was opened or received.

We think that he has failed to raise any reasonable doubt as to the correctness of the inference referred to above. We, therefore, confirm the conviction as regards exhibit two.

There is, however, no evidence of guilty intention, as distinct from knowledge of possession. We, therefore, reduce the fine to \$25.

SHOPLIFTER GIVES HIMSELF AWAY.

DETECTIVE WATCHES THEFT.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Grant-ham at the Central Police Court this morning on a charge of stealing a roll of cloth from a shop in Wing On Street.

Defendant, according to Detective Sergeant Pitches, was seen with two other men in Des Voeux Road, near the Sincere Company. Their movements led a detective to shadow them. He followed them round for some time and saw them enter a shop in Wing On Street. Whilst one man examined a roll of cloth, defendant picked up another roll and, pushing it under his long coat, walked out of the shop. The detective, waiting outside, promptly arrested defendant, the others, in the meantime, mingling in the crowd and escaping arrest.

ANTICYCLONE.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone central over S. E. Mongolia has strengthened and spread southward.

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FIRE VICTIMS RESCUED.

THE FATAL POTTINGER STREET BLAZE.

At the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon the inquiry into the circumstances of the fatal fire at 42, Pottinger Street, was resumed before Mr. Schofield with a jury composed of Messrs. J. H. Day, L. S. Silva and Fong Un. Mr. J. H. Ruttonjee, who is the trustee of the Shuster Estate, to which 42, Pottinger Street belongs, said that he had been trustee for twelve years. During the past few years he had only received one complaint, from the first floor tenants, of the state of the kitchen, which was accordingly repaired. He had never received any complaints from the ground floor. Witness said that he had no knowledge that the ground floor staircase was dilapidated. He inspected the premises two or three times a year and had never noticed anything wrong with the house. Referring to the suggestion that a cigarette end might have dropped through cracks in the stairs and then into the basement witness said that he could not say whether that might have happened, but it was unlikely. The ground floor tenant had never told him that he had carried out repairs to his premises at his own expense. The rent collector engaged by Mr. Ruttonjee said that he had never reported to his employer that repairs to the house were necessary during the eight years that he had been engaged. If he saw any defects it would be his duty to report to his employer. No complaints had been made to him by any of the tenants nor did he notice the alleged dilapidated state of the stairs.

Police Evidence.

Sgt. W. W. Williamson stated that he was on duty in the charge room of the Central Police Station when police whistles in Pottinger Street caused him to go a short distance down the hill to investigate. He discovered a fire in the basement of No. 42, below the carpenter's shop. There was a grating in the centre of the shop and through this flames were already shooting up to the height of the first floor. Around the walls were stacked timber and planks, and wooden shavings were lying about. The fire seemed fiercest at the back part of the shop to the left hand corner. There was nothing over the iron bars of the grating, but he could not see the back part of the shop for the column of flames intervening. However, he could observe no one in the shop, and felt nothing could be done, with the progress already attained by the outbreak.

At the time the staircase leading up to the first floor was still intact, but through what must have been crevices and chinks in the woodwork he could see the play of the flames casting their reflection on the steps. This was observed as he left the shop and went up the stairs with the intention of warning the inmates of the upper floors. He shouted "Fire" as he went up. The two cubicles on the first floor nearest the door and staircase landing were empty. In the front cubicle he thought he saw five or six Chinese, and in the rear cubicle were a woman and a young lad of 16. They were alive to the danger. Other people were already on the landing, busying themselves with bundles, bedding and such-like belongings which crowded the passage way.

Saving Efforts.

He went on to the second or top floor and there again he saw people doing the same sort of thing, carrying cumbersome bundles. By this time the flames had already begun to appear at the top of the street door at the bottom of the staircase. It was a time to hasten the evacuation. He made them leave their belongings with which they were inconvenienced, and got some of them into the street himself.

While still on the second floor, the electric lights went out, probably through fusing and action of the fire. There was then little smoke in the staircase but what there was of it then was choking. As far as he knew there were no

MAJOR H. P. W. HUTSON LEAVING.

LOCAL ORNITHOLOGIST TRANSFERRED.

There sails for home to-day, by the Neurula, the Colony's leading ornithologist, Major H. P. W. Hutson, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., R.E., who has been transferred to Aldershot. His departure is a distinct loss to the small band of biologists who during the past three years have been working systematically on the natural history of this region, and his place as an authority on local avifauna will be hard to fill. With Mr. A. H. Crook, Dr. Horkels and Lt. Comdr. A. M. Hughes, R.N., (the bird artist), Major Hutson was one of the founders of the "Hongkong Naturalist", and his contributions to that journal on local ornithology have been an outstanding feature. During his tour of service here, he has definitely "straightened out" the knowledge of the Colony's birds, and has completed a card index of all the local species, both resident and migrant, about 140 in number.

Major Hutson is one of that group of enthusiasts who have found time to carry out natural history research work apart from their chosen avocations, and had established himself as an ornithologist of repute before coming to Hongkong. His work on Nigerian birds, just published, epitomises his previous studies in this direction.

persons in the living quarters of the two floors when he looked in. He did not know the lay-out of the building, and he could not wish to explore. He could observe tips of flames showing in the darkness, but could not say whether they came through windows or any particular place. That was what made him look down the stairs for the new danger. He did not know then that there was a kitchen at the back.

Having got back into the street, he started to clear the houses on either side, going up the stairs of both Nos. 40 and 44. After every one had got safely out of the two buildings, he got a fireman to warn his Chief or officer of the presence of ammunition in the arms store on the ground floor of one of these houses.

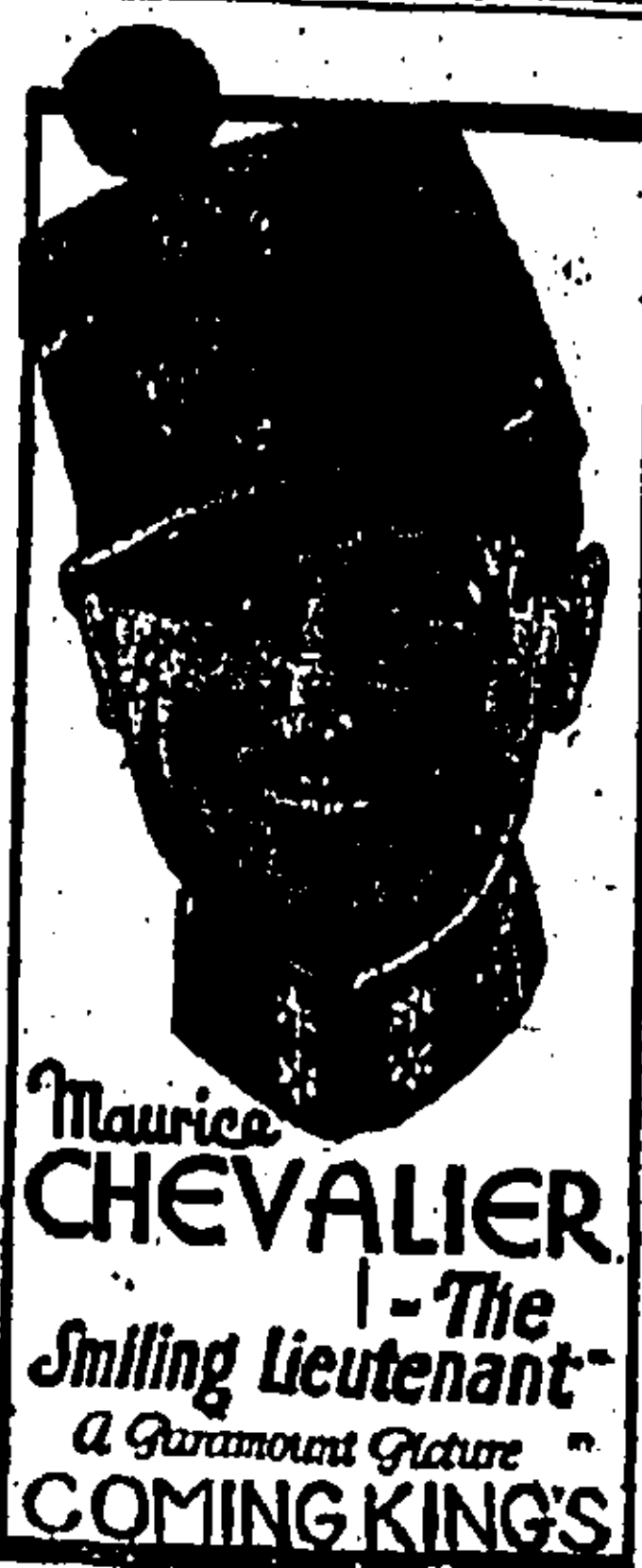
Tenants on Roof.

He stood in the street for about half-a-minute when, hearing some one shouting that there was someone on the roof, he got hold of a Chinese fireman and they both went up to the top through the staircase of No. 44. The trap door opening out on to the roof of this building was secured and he had to force it open. The fire was then coming up through the alrhaft between the main premises and the outhouse of No. 42. Eight persons were on the roof of No. 44 when he got there. They had climbed over a low wall from the burning building. Four of these eight were children, two men and two women comprising the remainder. A man sitting in a corner with a boy came towards him and he was the first to be got through the trap door. The boy came next; he was limp but quite conscious when witness picked him up. All eight were finally passed through the trap door, and he could see no others. A woman who was the last to go down said there was a boy somewhere, but witness could not see him. There was a lot of smoke coming up through the roof of the burning building and he could not have seen anyone on it. While the rescue was in progress he had to restrain a very much scared inmate from leaping down a 20 foot drop on to a flat roof below.

No Sense of Time.

Before following the others down the trap door witness could see a number of people on the roof of No. 46. They were being taken off by means of a wooden ladder. He shouted over to Inspector Barnett, who was in charge, if everything was all right.

Having got into the street through the staircase of No. 44, witness went back to the Central Police Station and carried on with his duties in the charge-room. While there he saw three injured



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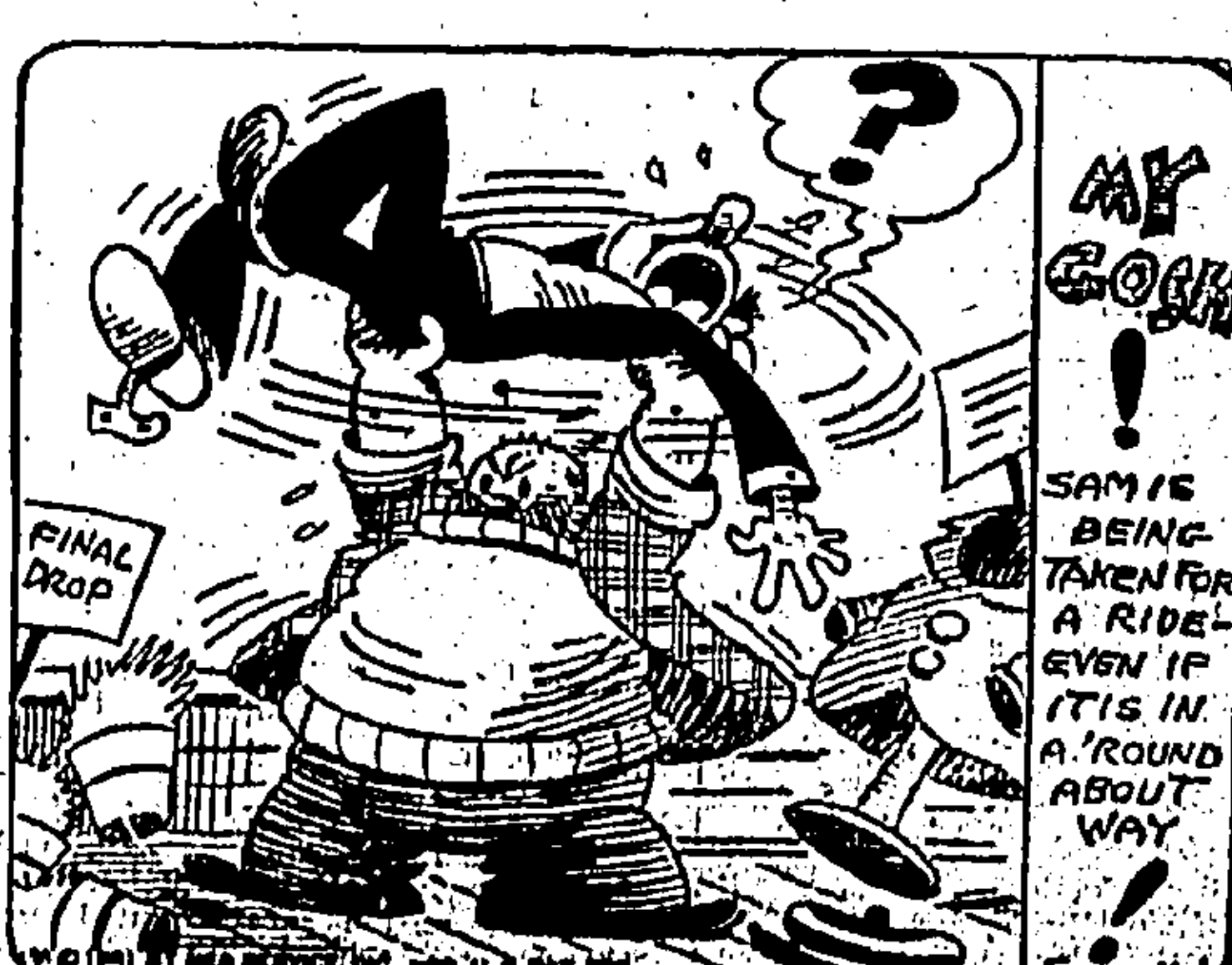


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RUSSIA'S DEAN OF LETTERS SEEKS LOCAL COLOUR.



It's in the role of a reporter that Maxim Gorky, famous Russian author, is shown in this unusual photograph. Gathering material for a history of the Russian revolution of 1918, he is seen here getting first-hand information from three women who took active parts in the Bolshevik uprising.

GUILTY LIPS

by LAURA LOU BROOKMAN Author of "MAD MARRIAGE"

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Pretty Norma Kent, 20-year-old secretary, married Mark Travers, millionaire's son, in spite of the opposition of Mark's father, J. M. Travers.

The story opens in Marlboro, middle-western metropolis. After an extravagant honeymoon at fashionable little Bellevue during which Mark spends all his money and borrows 5000 from his father, he returns to Marlboro. It is a long time before the young man can find work and after one week he loses his first job. He becomes a doorwalker in a department store, in spite of poverty he and Norma are happy until Mark's father sends for him. He offers to take Mark back into his business organization if the son will prove he can make good. His first task involves a business trip to France. Norma is to remain at home, she tries to persuade him not to go but can not.

Norma, rudely treated at her father-in-law's house, slips away leaving no trace of her whereabouts. Chris Saunders, her former roommate, helps her find a job.

Mark's father determines to engineer a divorce. He employs detectives who learn that the girl three years before was convicted on a vice charge. In spite of evidence entirely innocent, he sends his lawyer to Paris. Norma knows nothing of all this until late in January she receives a letter telling her Mark has secured a divorce. Next day the office she visits. Chris takes her home but instead of remaining there she calls a taxi, gives the driver an address and says, "Hurry."

CHAPTER XXXVII

The cab turned into the drive before the imposing Travers residence and halted. Norma got out and looked up at the building.

"Wait for you, Miss?" asked the driver.

The girl hesitated. Then "Yes," she said, "you'd better wait. She started slowly toward the entrance. The handsome door, set in its arch of stone, seemed forbidding. Norma pressed the bell and waited. There was no answer and she touched the electric button a second time.

Almost at that moment Tompkins' head appeared in the open doorway. Norman said, "Is Mr. Travers—?"

There was no indication that the butler recognized her. His head inclined slightly. "Mr. Travers is not in, Miss." Tompkins said. He would have closed the door but the girl suddenly moved forward, put her hand out.

"Then Mrs. Travers?" she exclaimed. "It's important! I've got to see her—I've got to!"

"Mrs. Travers is not at home either. They left this morning for Miami. There's no one here now. There's no one you can see—"

"But I must!"

"I'm sorry, miss. There's no one here. Mr. and Mrs. Travers will be gone for several weeks."

"Gone? How could they? Why it was only last night!"

"They left this morning," Tompkins repeated imperturbably. His voice and manner were as aloof as though he were announcing guests at a reception. "I assure you, miss, there's no one here. No one but the servants."

"Oh, but Tompkins—" The word broke off in a low cry. Then, "Tompkins," the girl went on, "do you know when Mark is coming back?"

"I'm sorry, miss. I haven't heard."

"You don't know when his parents expect him?"

"I'm sorry. I couldn't say."

Norma turned away. Almost immediately she looked back to see the greater door shut. She took a step forward, changed her mind, and walked slowly to the taxi cab.

"Take me back," she said to the driver, "where we started from."

It was nearly six when Chris arrived. Norma, wearing a kimono, was lying on the bed with a blanket half covering her.

"Hello, lamb," Chris said cheerfully, "did you get some sleep? I believe you're looking better."

"I—I've been lying here."

"Did Mrs. Bixby bring your lunch?"

"She came, Chris. I wasn't hungry and couldn't eat."

"But that won't do! Say—arguing trying to starve yourself? You've got to eat, don't you know?"

that? You've got to eat if you're going to hold your job, young lady."

There was a pause. Norma said, "I suppose I'll have to tell Mr. Stuart—"

"He knows already. About the divorce, I mean. He was awfully nice, Norma. Said you could take a few days' rest if the doctor thinks you should. By the way, I made an appointment for you with Dr. Willoughby Monday."

Norma was sitting on the side of the bed. She reached for Chris' hand. "You're so good, Chris!" she said in a voice that was not quite steady. "There's nobody in the world so good as you are! I—I don't deserve all you've done—"

"Oh, don't you? Say, for heaven's sake, do you want me to sprout wings? Don't deserve anything I've done! Why, I haven't done anything at all! Just nothing! But if I could there wouldn't be a thing on this earth too good for you!"

Let me tell you, Norma, you've had a few bad breaks but things are going to change. You'll see. It's just when everything looks blackest they suddenly come out right."

"I wish I could believe that."

"Believe it? I know it. Haven't I seen it happen a dozen times? Now if you feel like coming downstairs to-morrow we'll have a talk with Jim Daniels. He's the lawyer I told you about. We can go in and see him at noon."

"Do you think it will do any good?"

"Well, it's worth a try. He's one of the best lawyers in Marlboro."

The built was effective. Norma arose and dressed rapidly. She agreed to spend the night again at Chris' apartment. When they arrived there they had the place to themselves. Dorothy was away and Chris said the engagement would keep her until late.

The two girls cooked dinner and served it on the gate-leg table exactly as they had done so many evenings before. Chris' inspired cooking, the familiar surroundings and comfortable atmosphere worked a subtle magic. Gradually Norma relaxed. She dropped the barrier of reserve and poured out her heart to Chris. She admitted going to the Travers' home that afternoon. Norma wept a little but not with the tempestuous tears of the night before.

"If Mark were only here!" she said once brokenly. "If I could only just talk to him!"

"He's bound to be back before long. I can't help feeling that when he comes all this can be straightened out in no time."

"But why is he staying so long? Why doesn't he come back?"

"Oh, you never can tell about business, you know. I have an idea his father has something to do with it but he can't keep him away forever. Things are not nearly so bad as they seem, darling. You'll find that out in a month or two."

"A month is a terribly long time!"

"Nonsense. Anyhow it may not be that long. Brad will know when he does come. By the way"—Chris hesitated—"Brad's wife is in Reno."

Norma looked up quickly. "Does that mean—" she began.

"I don't know if it means anything or not. She's supposed to be visiting friends there. I just happened to know because I mailed her a check the other day."

There was a silence between them. After several moments Norma said, "You like him a lot, don't you?"

"Like Brad? Why, of course. Everybody does."

"I know. But I mean—if she did—well, if things did turn out that way, do you think you might—"

"Good gracious! Don't get notions of that sort in your head. Brad Hart has one wife he doesn't seem to care much about. He doesn't want another. Oh, well—"

life's a queer business, kid. We'll have a talk with Jim Daniels to-morrow. I'll call in the morning and arrange the time."

They went over arguments that had been rehearsed several times before. It was Chris who said presently.

"I've been trying to figure this out, you know. I've been trying to figure what's at the bottom of it. Do you think it could have been just stone? What's his name—Hollie Stone?"

The other girl shook her head. "I've thought of him," she said slowly. "But—there isn't any reason why he should want to hurt me. He was friendly really. Of course it was a shock seeing him at Blue Springs and having all that terrible nightmare come back again. But if he wanted to tell Mark why didn't he do it then? Oh, Chris!"

Norma buried her head in her hands. "Oh, it was all so terrible. I thought—I thought it was gone and past and I could forget the way you said—"

"It is past and you must forget about it!"

"But how can I now when Mark knows?"

Chris got to her feet and crossed the floor impatiently. "Norma," she said, "you've got to have a talk with Mark. You've got to tell him your side of things!"

Days slipped and no opportunity came for that talk. The first weeks of February dragged by and no news of Mark Travers reached Marlboro. Norma and Chris had two sessions with Jim Daniels, the lawyer. Daniels asked questions and promised to make investigations. He wrote some letters. He seemed optimistic when he talked to Norma. Privately he informed Chris that the case could not be reopened. The divorce had been granted. Beyond the shadow of a doubt legal technicalities had been observed. Unfortunate. That was the way Jim Daniels dismissed the affair.

Chris kept all this from the younger girl. She told Norma that Daniels was hopeful but the matter required time. Chris kept up the face during those early weeks because she was worried. There were nights when she could not sleep, worrying about Norma. Too many times she had heard her say, "I don't want to live without Mark! I don't want to live if he doesn't love me!"

Chris found excuses for inviting Norma to the apartment. As much of the time as possible she spent with her. If she could not be with her for an evening she tried to see that someone else was.

Dr. Willoughby said everything depended on Norma's mental outlook. She must keep up her general health, be cheerful and optimistic. The doctor was very insistent on these points. He repeated them each time Norma came to his office.

Norma disregarded every warning. She had retired again behind that barrier of reserve which even Chris could not circumvent. Cheerful and optimistic she certainly was not. Norma was inhabiting a world of her own. Not a pleasant world.

She did her work mechanically, said very little and seemed to grow paler daily. Nervous mannerisms she had never shown before became apparent. Nothing interested her.

One day during the last week of February something happened which Chris regarded as a blessing. Dorothy Phillips received a wire from her sister in California. There was a vacancy in the office in which the sister worked. If Dorothy could come at once the job would be hers.

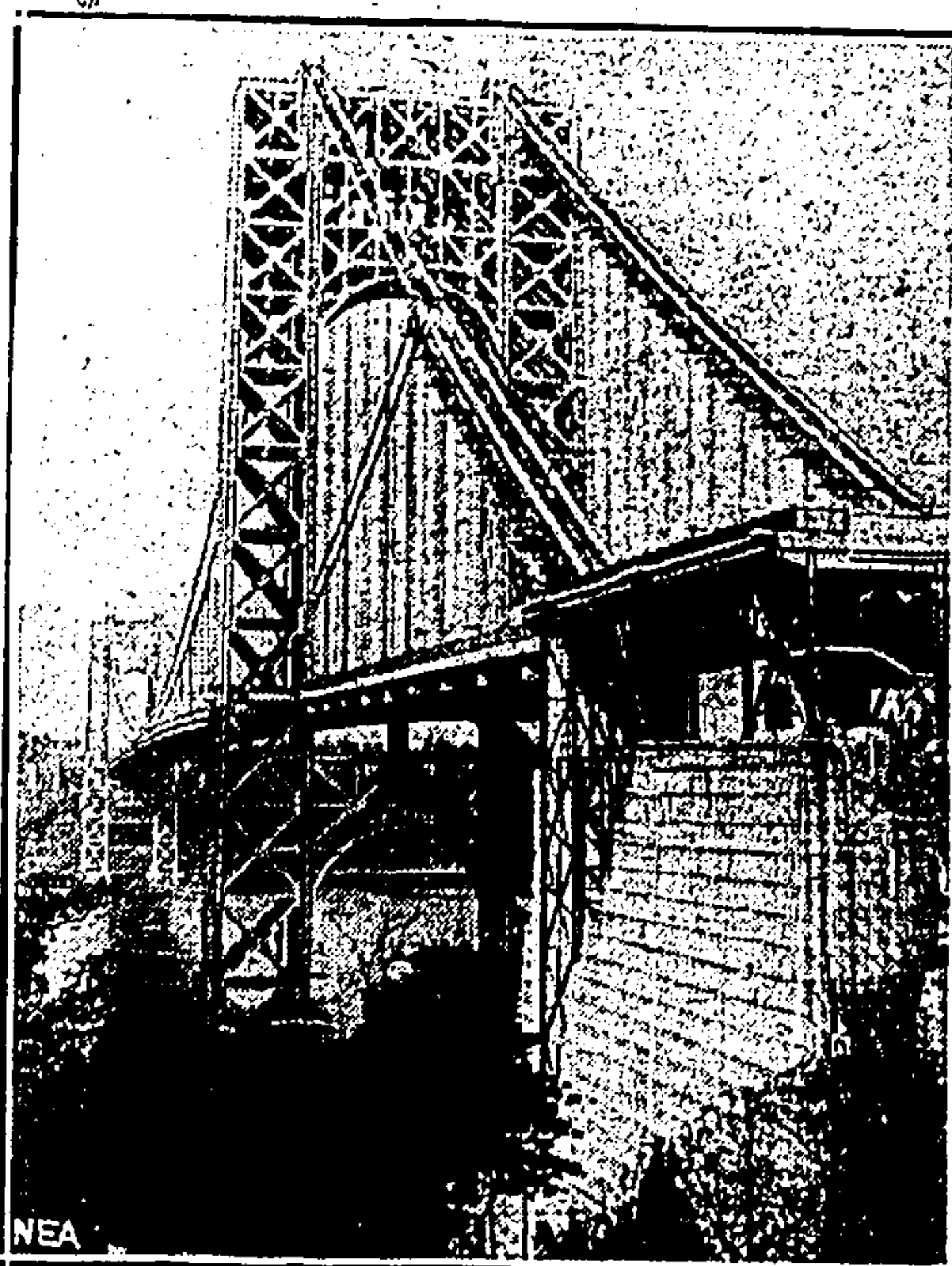
Within three days Chris was alone in the apartment. Dorothy's trunk packed and gone and Dorothy herself on a west-bound train. Three days more and Norma's dresses hung in the vacated closet space. Norma had not been eager to move but Chris had explained it as a favour to herself. She could not keep up the rent alone, she said. If Norma would not come she would have to give up the apartment.

For a while things appeared to

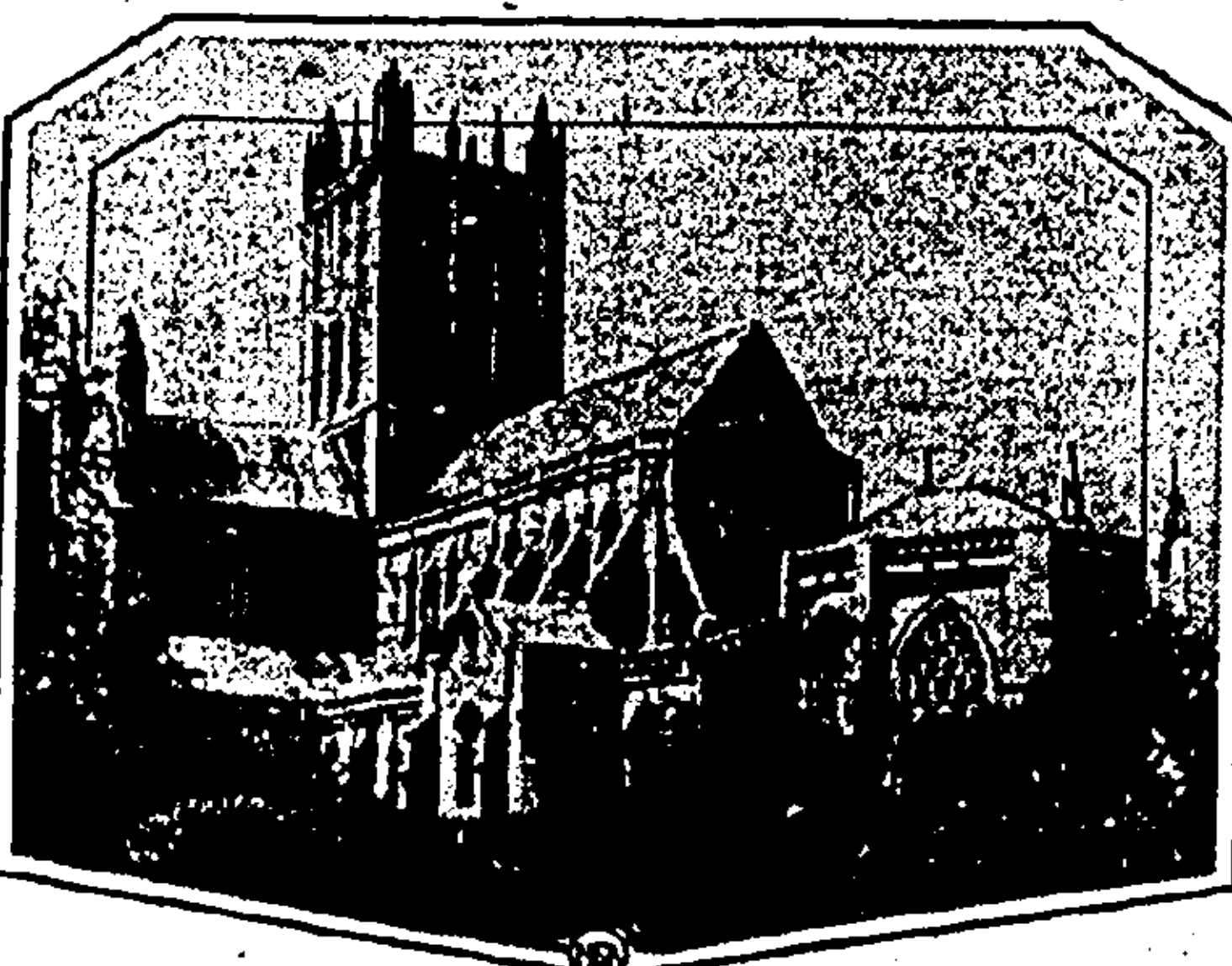
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go better after that. Less strain for Chris in trying to see that Norma was occupied. No need for constantly manufacturing excuses to include the other girl in her plans. It was easier to see that Norma had substantial means. There were days when Chris told herself Norma was happier but they were sure to be followed by periods of depression. They never talked about the future and as time passed Norma said less and less about Mark.

A photograph in the Press one evening informed them that Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Travers had returned from a six weeks' stay in Florida. Chris read the paragraph aloud and Norma glanced at the picture but she made no comment.

Brad Hart, whom Chris questioned frequently, could furnish no news of Mark Travers. He was still in France from all that could be learned.

Gradually March dragged to a close. It had come in like a lion

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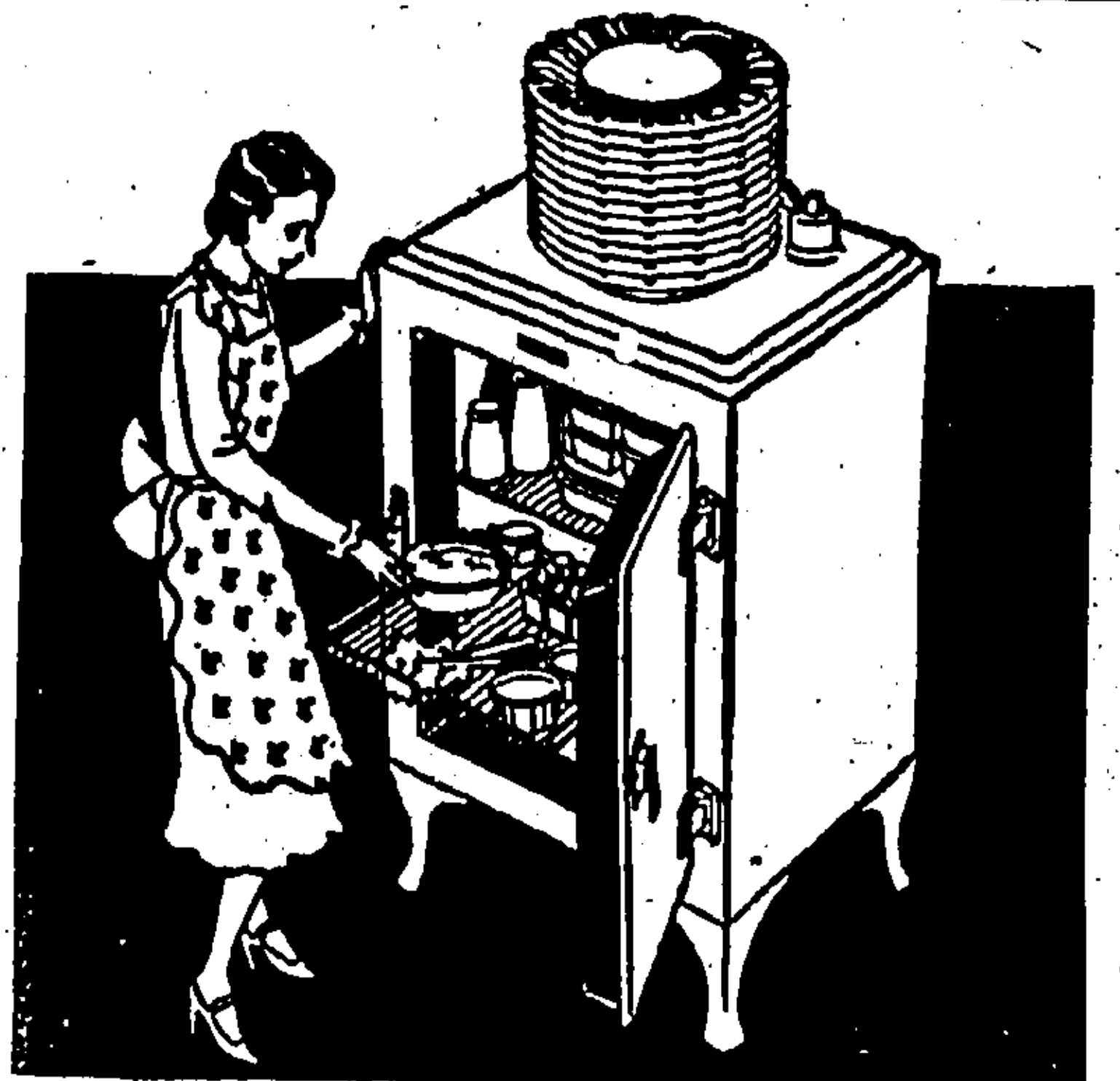
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NOTICE.

Miss Violet Capell regrets to advise that, owing to her illness, she will be unable to resume her dancing classes in December. Due notice will be given individually and date will also be inserted in the Papers when she is able to continue.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Twelfth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 28th November, 1931, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Members are notified that they and their Ladies must wear their Badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5 for Gentlemen and \$3 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a member, such member to be responsible for payment of all debts, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will not be on sale at the Race Course.

Members can obtain upon application to the Secretary Badges (limited to ONE) for the free admission to the Members' Enclosure of wives, lady relatives and friends. Names must be stated when applying.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either Enclosure during the Meeting.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered from the No. 1 Box by 5 p.m. on the 27th November. Telephone 21920.

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The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 including tax, for all persons including ladies and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted half price.

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G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of November, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Haag, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor, of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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								\$47,400	

G. R.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 451.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3," will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of Monday, the 7th December, 1931, for the occupation for a period commencing from the date of notification of acceptance of tender and ending on 31st December, 1934, of the piece or parcel of ground as shown coloured red on a plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 12th November, 1931, and subject to the conditions which can be ascertained at the office of the Director of Public Works.

Upset annual fee \$2,200. Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$100 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown in the event of the tenderer, whose tender is accepted, refusing to carry out the terms and conditions of his tender.

On the acceptance of a tender the deposits of unsuccessful tenderers will be returned to them. Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

HAROLD T. CREASY,
Director of Public Works.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1931.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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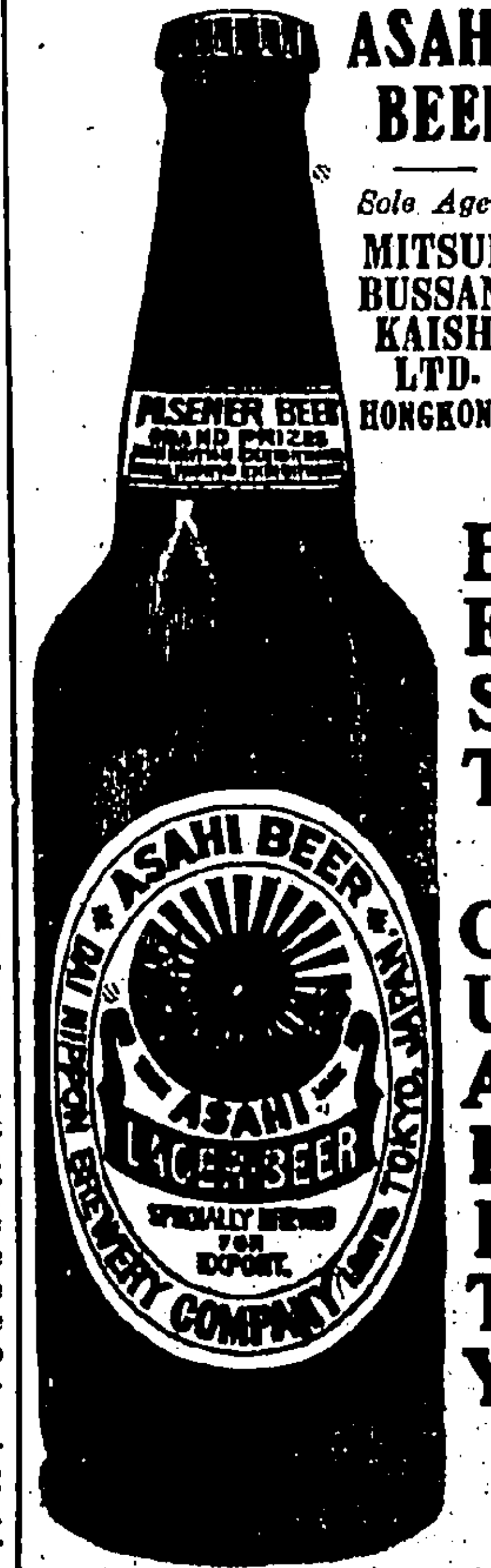
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This mail is due in London about 21st December.
Christmas Parcel Mail for U.S.A. Christmas Parcel Mail for U.S.A. will be closed in the General Post Office at 3 p.m. on Saturday 28th November per s.s. "Pres. Jefferson". This mail is due in Seattle on 16th December.

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Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., 7th November and Europe via Siberia (London, 6th November))	Emp. of Canada	November 27.
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Manila	Pres. Jefferson	November 28.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 30th October)	Pres. Adams	November 28.
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Japan and Shanghai	Yasukuni Maru	December 3.
Japan	Montevideo Maru	December 3.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai (Seattle, 14th November)	Pres. Madison	December 4.
Japan and Shanghai	Rajputana	December 4.
Australia and Manila	Nankin	December 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Nov. 26, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Tinan	Thurs., Nov. 26, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Thurs., Nov. 26, 4 p.m.
Amoy	Hesang	Thurs., Nov. 26, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Nov. 27, 2 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Nov. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., Nov. 28, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Fushimi Maru	Sat., Nov. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India Mauritius, East and South Africa, Adon, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Gange	Sat., Nov. 28. K.P.O.
	Reg.	Nov. 28, 3 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.	Nov. 28, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
	(Due Brindisi, 21st December)	

Japan, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and Europe via Victoria B.C.	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Nov. 28.
	Parcels	Nov. 28, 3 p.m.
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	Letters	Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Jefferson	Sat., Nov. 28.
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	Letters	Nov. 28, 4 p.m.
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	Reg.	Sat., Nov. 28, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Sat., Nov. 28, 6 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Adams	Sun., Nov. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Nov. 29, 8.30 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Nov. 29, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Takada	Tues., Dec. 1, 1 p.m.
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Pres. Coolidge	Tues., Dec. 1, 4.30 p.m.
	Tanda	Wed., Dec. 2.
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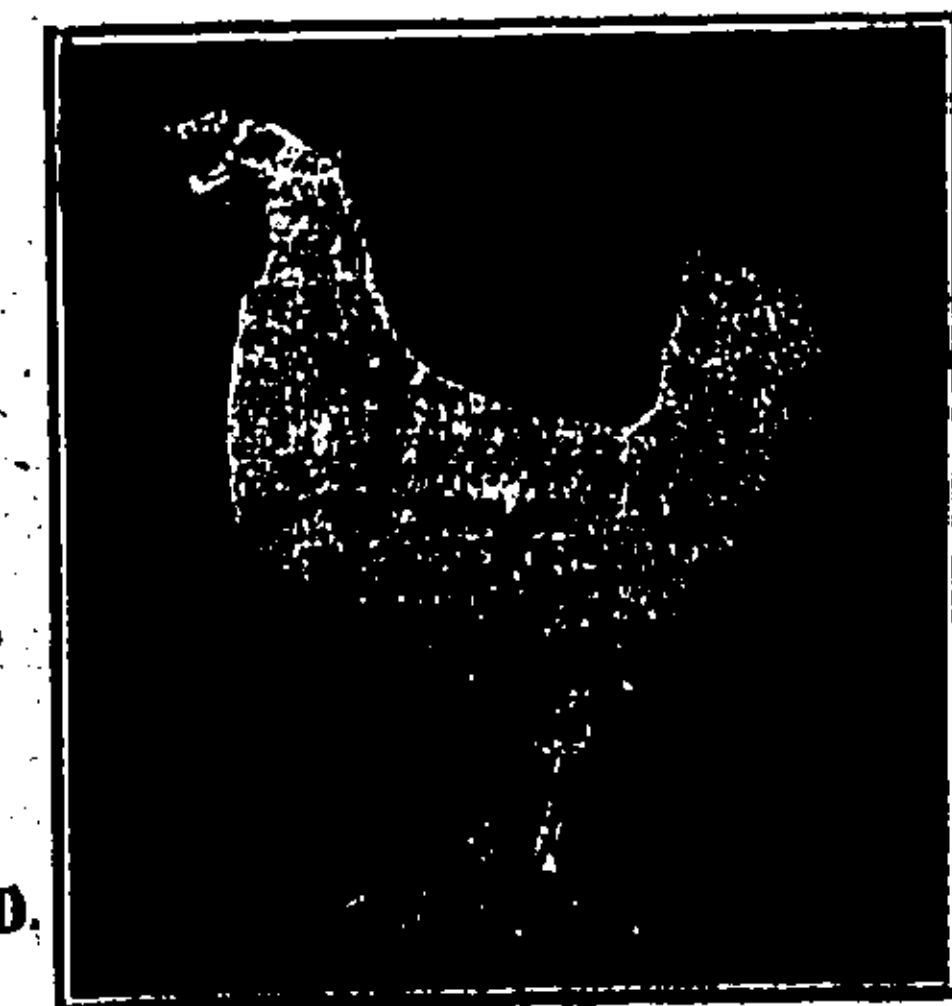
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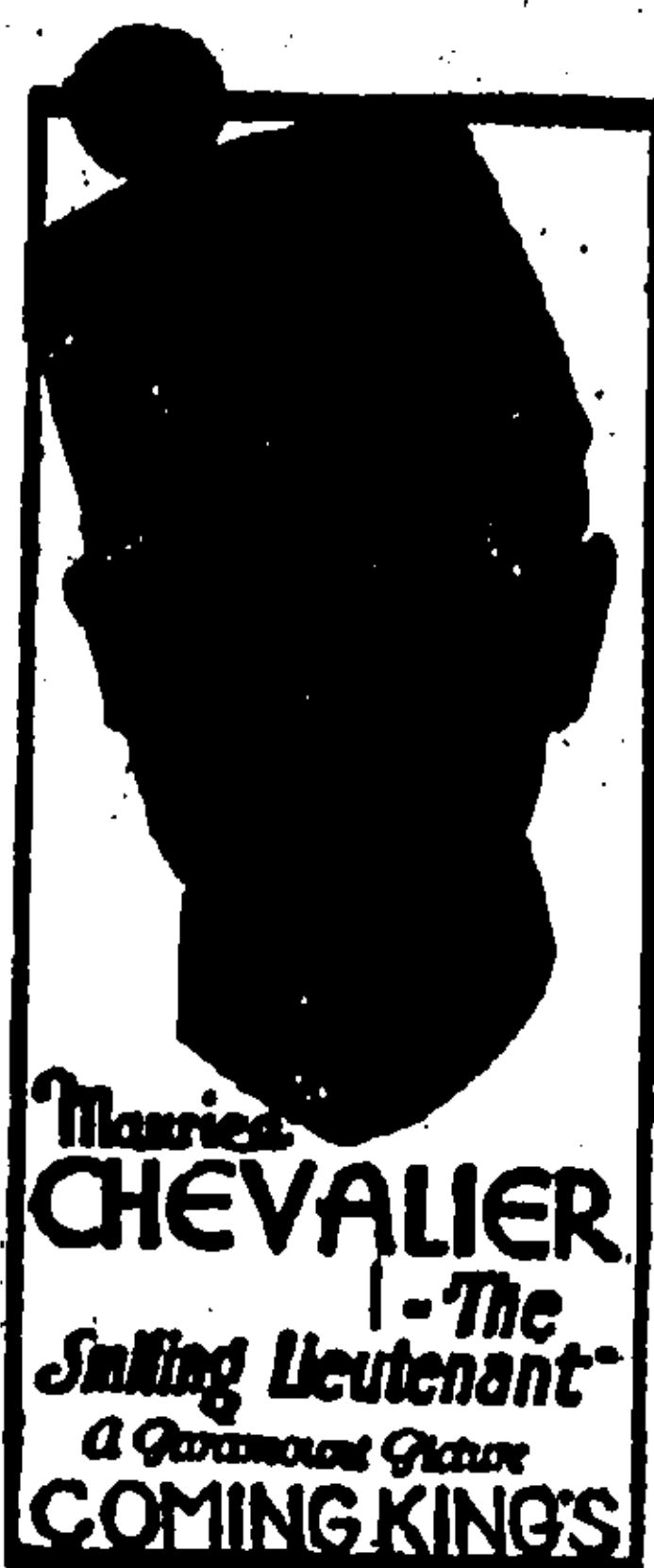
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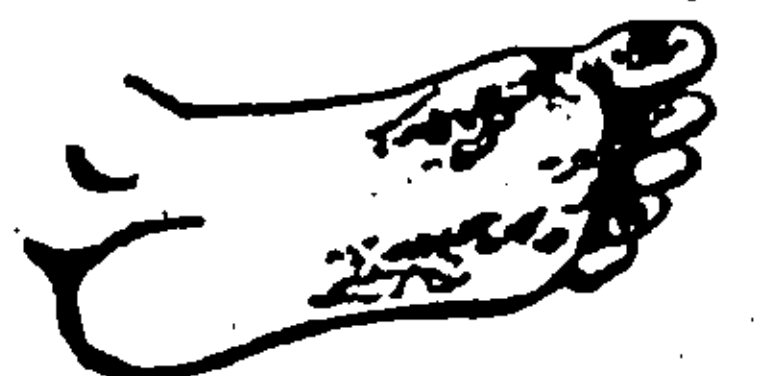
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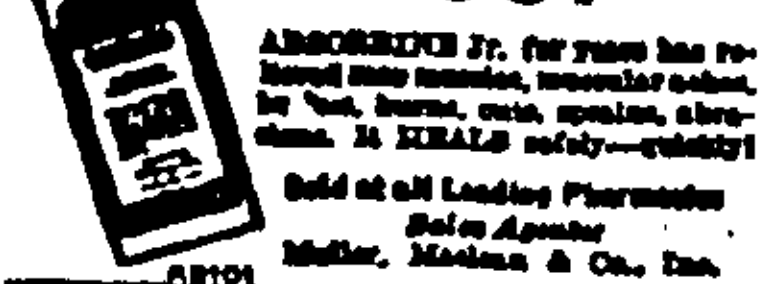
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The market opened steady to firm this morning with buyers for a number of stocks in the list, as will be seen from the buyers' column.

Sales.
Banks, \$1,576.
Realities, \$123.
Ewos, Tls. \$15.00.
Electric, \$70 1/2.
Telephones (part paid), \$20 1/2.
Constructions (new), \$2.
Buyers.

Union, \$420.
Douglas, \$21 1/2.
Steamships, \$25.
Shanghai Exports, Tls. 2.40.
Wharves, \$161.
Providents (old), \$5 1/2.
Providents (new), \$2.45.
Lands, \$81 1/2.
Humphreys (old), \$15.
Humphreys (new), \$17 1/2.
Realities, \$12.18.
Ewos, Tls. 15.80.
Tramways, \$21.40.
Star Ferries, \$94.
China Lights, \$27.15.
Electric, \$70 1/2.
Telephones (part paid), \$20.
Cements (combined), \$19 1/2.
Dairy Farms, \$29.
Watsons, \$15.
H.K. Amusements, \$19 1/2.
Constructions (new), \$2.
H.K. Government Loan, \$2 1/2 premium.

Sellers.
Banks, \$1,576.
Realities, \$43.
Venezuela Goldfields, \$2 1/2.
Ewos, Tls. 16.
Constructions (old), \$6.20.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1,576 s.
Chartered Bank, \$15 n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$19 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$134 n.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1,450 n.
Union Ins., \$420 b.
China Underwriters, 5 n.
China Fire, \$650 s.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1,450 n.
Shipping.
Douglas, \$22 1/2 b.
H. K. Steamships, \$25 b.
Indo-China, (Pref.) \$25 n.
Union Waterboats, \$28 n.

Mining.
Benguet, \$10 1/2 n.
Kailans 30 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.40 b.
Raubs, \$43 s.
Stocks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$151 b.
Whampoa Docks, \$31 1/2 n.
South China Motors, \$10 n.
Hongkows, Tls. 210 n.
New Engineers, Tls. 5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 95 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 16 s.
Shai Cotton Tls. 85 n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 12 n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. & S. Hotels (old) \$15.30 n.
H.K. & S. Hotels (new) \$14 1/2 n.
H. K. Lands, \$81 b.
Shai Land, Tls. 32 1/2 n.
Humphreys, \$18 b.
Realities, \$12 1/2 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$21.40 b.
Peak Tram (old), \$14 1/2 n.
Star Ferries, \$94 b.
China Light, \$27.15 b.
H. K. Electric, \$76 1/2 n.
Macao Electric, \$28 n.
Telephones, \$43 n.
China Buses, Tls. 17.90 n.
Singapore Tractions, 4/- n.

Industrials.
China Sugars 50 cts. n.
Malabona \$38 n.
Canton Ice, \$6.80 n.
Cements (com.) \$19 1/2 b.
Ropes, \$10.80 n.

Stores, etc.
Dairy Farms, \$29 b.
Watson, \$10 b.
Der A. Wines \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$6.90 n.
Mackintosh, \$19 n.
Sinceres, \$15 1/2 n.
Powells, \$3.60 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$19 1/2 b.
Constructions, (old) 6.20 s.
B'que In. G. Bonds 60% n.

WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

NOVEL BEDHEADS.

Quaint Effect Obtained.

The divan bed is definitely out of decorative favour. How then to give it importance and dignity at little cost? The answer is found in bedheads—for the most part of the mock variety.

Take the rose and grey room. On the wall at the bed head pin a panel of cubist cretonne in rose, black, grey, and green, and edge it with dull silver braid. At once the bed becomes the principal piece of furniture. For the more ambitious room choose a conventional tapestry fabric. In this case a picture-frame beading glued round it, and painted to tone with the deepest shade, is an easy yet wonderfully effective finish.

A quaint effect is obtained with the help of two head-poles. Fix them to the bed and make a curtain of crazy patchwork cretonne or old-world chintz to hang between them, making a passable copy of a two-poster. Again, net or silk draped to the bedhead from a knob in the wall is graceful and feminine. If you want to be really individual, open the net to show a flower study or favourite picture.

Where the bed is the centre of a group of furniture make the mock-bedhead big enough to act as background for the whole, but finish with a wood-moulding border at the top only and repeat on a smaller scale behind dressing chest or tallboy.

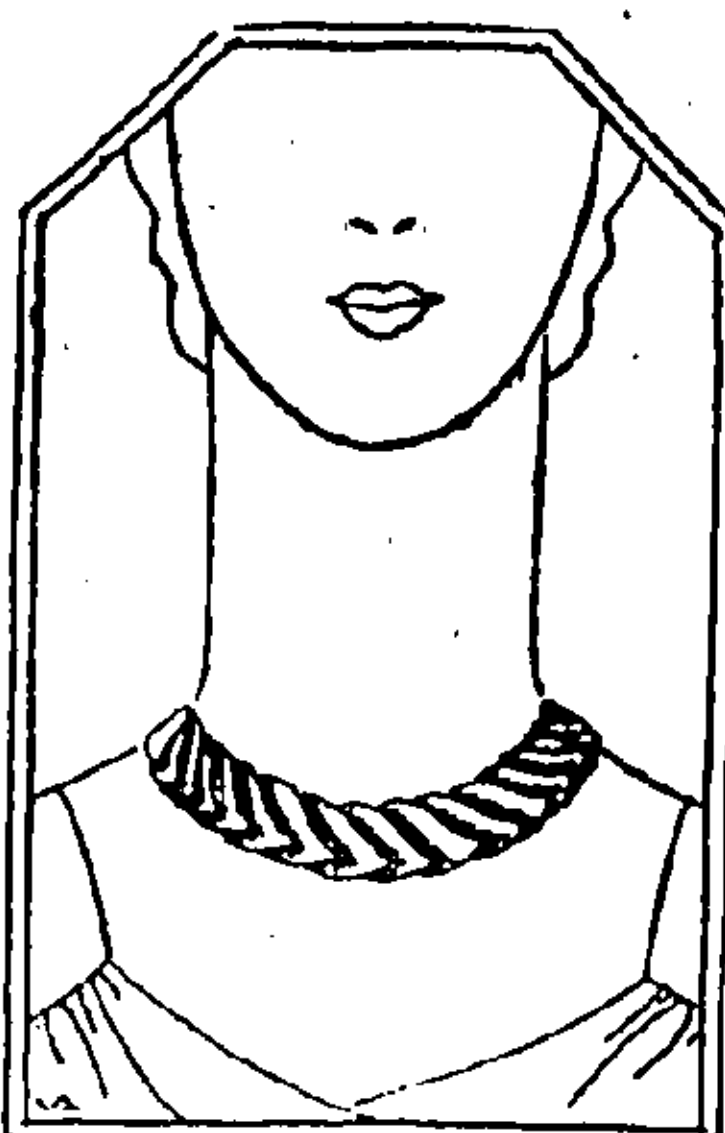
Twins beds with a table between them are effectively framed by a single large panel projecting a foot or so on either side. This need not be of fabric. Wallpaper or paint to tone with the walls and finished with a plain moulding is

Severely Tailored.



For the "tailored" woman. An ideal dress is smoke-grey cloth, severely plain, the jumper bodice fastening with smoke pearl buttons.

A New Choker.



Chokers of mother-of-pearl in a leaf design, for wear with evening gowns, are sponsored by Lelong.

LIP-STICK.

Women Not Courageous Enough.

Is the remark made by a speaker at the City of London Vacation Course about the modern girl's need to be taught how to use her lipstick to be taken as typical of the masculine attitude towards that particular implement for the enhancing (or otherwise) of feminine beauty? asks a reader of a Home paper.

Have men now merely reached the stage of tolerating the thing, if it be properly applied, or have they got so far as to like it?

It would indeed be a kindly act on the part of the art teachers if they were to show their pupils how not to apply it; for there is no doubt that bad art is greatly in evidence in this matter, which is, after all, an important one not only for the woman who uses her lip-stick, but for three who have to look at her, after she had done it.

The mistake still made in this country, I think, is that women are not courageous enough to admit artificiality in anything but colour, whereas abroad the lip-stick is cheerfully used to correct shape and size also!

equally successful and more hygienic than an unwieldy length of cloth. If the room is in green tones, have the panel of pink and silver streaked paper with silver border. If it is yellow, choose lilac and grey with a black edging. A less economical alternative is a shared curved wooden headboard with tiny bookshelves in the centre.

Then here is an idea for the single bed. Have a carpenter make a plain headboard continuing it for two feet on either side. Now have boards fixed at right angles and the space filled with three-cornered shelves. Enamel in a soft shade with deeper or contrasting mouldings, and fitted with bedside books, a candle or lamp, and a colourful biscuit box, this becomes a veritable bedhead-de-luxe.

But there is no need for such expense and elaboration. The simplest bedhead works wonders in transforming both bed and bedroom.

BEAUTY HINTS.

[By Alicia Hart.]

Be sure you have allowed enough time in your beauty budget to take care of your hands as well as your face. Hold them up to your cheeks and notice if the colour and the texture of the skin is very different. Your hands should be just as soft as your cheeks, and just as white, or pink and white, as your complexion. Because they are constantly coming in contact with dirt, your must take better care of them than you do of your complexion.

Wash your hands often so that the dirt doesn't have time to sink into the pores, but be sure that you dry them thoroughly. A good glycerine cream or a hand lotion should be rubbed into them after each washing. Be sure and push the cuticle back from around your nails as you use the towel.

Wear gloves as much as possible. If you clean and cream your hands before you go to bed and then wear cotton or chambray gloves all night, you'll be surprised how much softer and whiter they will be in a few weeks. Be sure the gloves you wear at night are very loose and that the gloves you wear on the street are not tight. Tight gloves do not tend to make your hands smaller; on the contrary, they interfere with the circulation and make your fingers look red and swollen.

Use a good bleaching cream once or twice a week. There are several home treatments which are excellent for bleaching. Lemon juice is always good for your hands. If they are thin, rub them with olive oil before putting on your gloves for the night. Camphorated oil is both a bleach and a skin food.

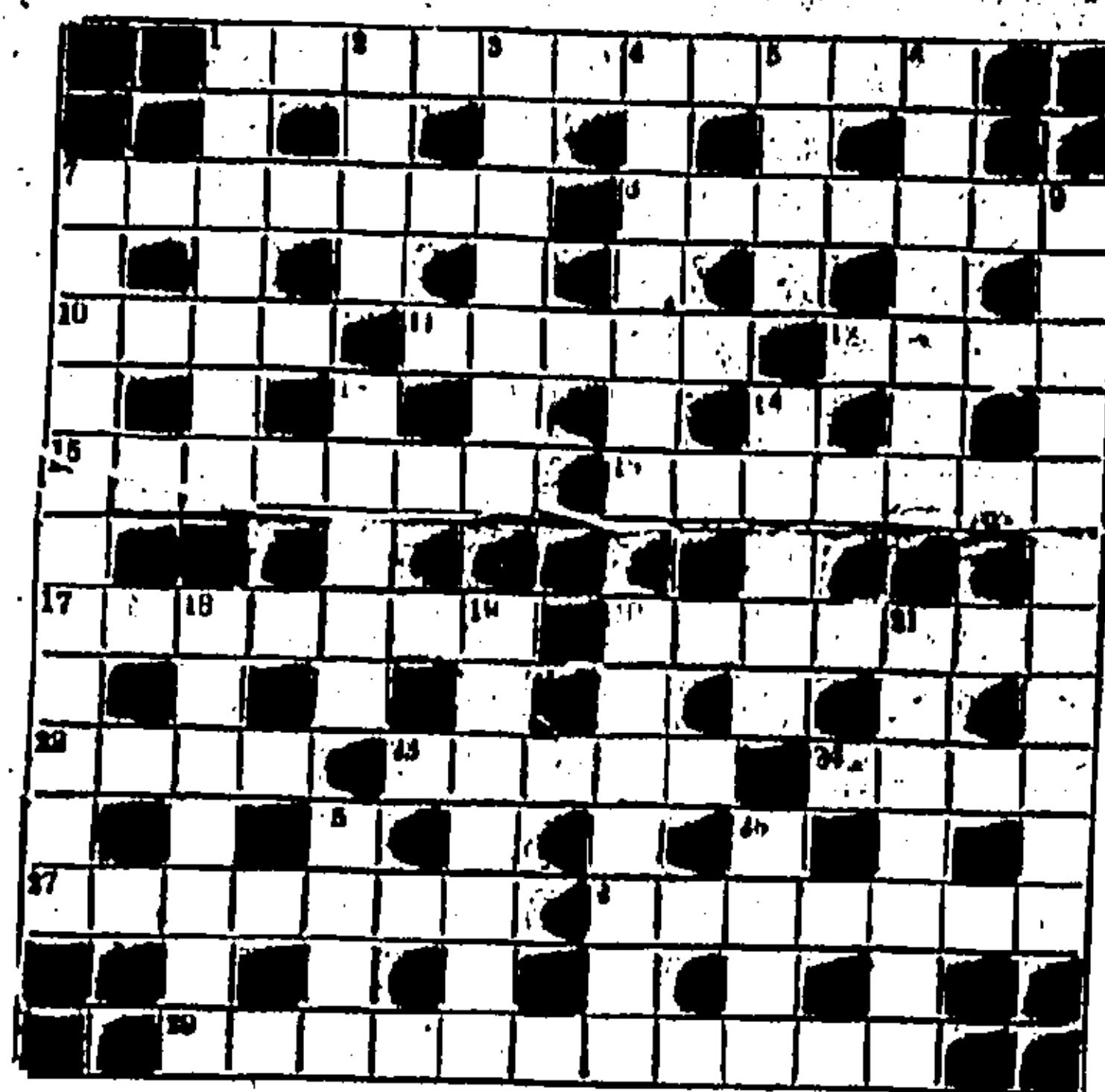
For unusually bad stains on your fingers, caused by fruit or vegetable juices, or by smoking, pumice-stone soap is very good.

For the House.



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OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 A West Country town consists of what goes over and what goes under.
- 2 National source of shingle.
- 3 A dead-weight is in us with an animal at heart.
- 4 Part of the N. T.
- 5 Bird possessing a noticeable spine.
- 6 You may undergo it in Germany, but he lives in France.
- 7 Weight and ancient city.
- 8 Raises its stately head up in your garden.
- 9 When you've got this, you're far from jolly.
- 10 I glitter and I am on in the middle.
- 11 Without assistance.
- 12 Provide a post and get a post.

Down

- 1 Foreign make of car.
- 2 Leads a double existence apparently.
- 3 This is hell.
- 4 I have this dog, but I don't.
- 5 Schoolboys never tire of this friar.
- 6 On which the heart may be

- 7 "Heggs," in fact! (Amused, eh?)
- 8 Conventional.
- 9 Great lake.
- 10 A famous soprano.
- 11 Infers that "O.C. Paris" can be of the dull sort (sug.).
- 12 Discovered her in Cockney fashion in sink.
- 13 A famous modern brigand.
- 14 Part of South America.
- 15 A plant I suppose the other way nearly worth it.
- 16 A vessel that's quite O. K. inside.

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1. WOLF
2. ...
3. LION
4. ...
5. LYNX

In the word "WOLF" there are two letters (O, L) which appear in "LION". By changing one letter in "WOLF", a new word will be formed in Step 2. By changing another letter the word "LION" will be formed. In the same way "LION" may be changed to a new word for Step 4 and then to "LYNX". Can you supply the words needed for Step 2 and 4?

AMERICAN MERGER.

DOLLAR LINE TO OPERATE TACOMA SHIPS.

As the result of a big shipping merger in America, the Dollar Steamship Company will operate the Tacoma Oriental Steamship Company's boats, which are at present run by the States Steamship Line. The operation will come into effect on the arrival of the s.s. Tacoma in port in December.

ASTRONOMERS MOON STARERS
"Moon stars" are the two words composed of the letters in the word astronomer.

BARTER ADVOCATED. CANADIAN WHEAT AS EXCHANGE FOR BRITISH COAL.

London, Nov. 17. Short-circuiting currency complications as far as Canada and Britain are concerned was recommended by Lord Gainsford in a speech in London to-day. He said he contemplated a time when a country like Canada, which obtains sixteen million tons of coal from America every year, might be able to take British coal in exchange for wheat. "In fact," he declared, much can be done by barter between Canada and Britain.—Reuter.

Resulting from this change, the States Steamship Line will take over the American Pioneer Line from L. Everett and Company, also in December.

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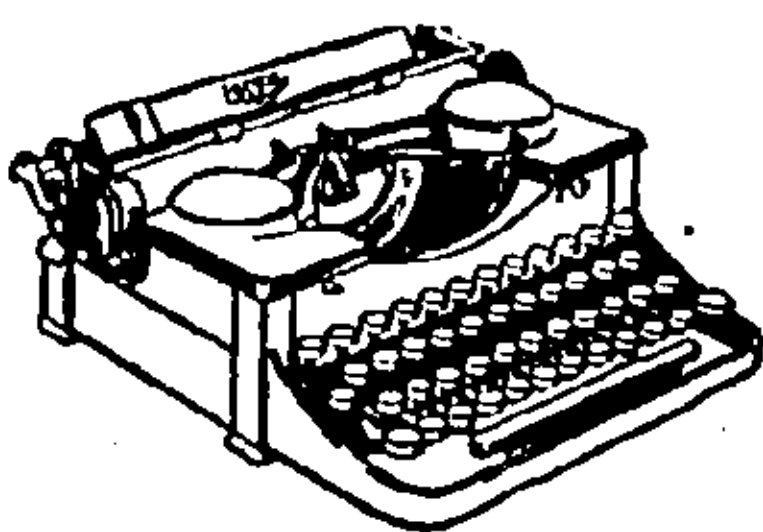
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1931.

GERMANY'S PLIGHT.

With the approval of France, Germany has submitted a memorandum to the Bank of International Settlements requesting the early convocation of the special Young Plan Advisory Committee, to enquire into the economic and financial position of the country. In other words, she is applying for one of two things, a further moratorium on reparations payments or a scaling down of the amount of those payments. And her application cannot be refused. The gravity of the German financial situation is self-evident. Not only is it obvious that Germany cannot resume the burden imposed upon her under the Young Plan and suspended at the behest of President Hoover in July, but also that, unless something is done in the meantime, another scramble for Germany's remaining liquid assets will be witnessed in March next, and on such a scale that it will be years before she can possibly recover from the resultant chaos.

At the beginning of the year, it is estimated that Germany's short-term loans stood at 12,000,000,000 marks, of which approximately 3,000,000,000 marks have since been repaid. This includes the amount that foreign banks were able to withdraw before the Government definitely stopped the rot by taking control of the banking facilities of the country. The greater part, therefore, matures under the so-called "standstill agreement" in March. A small part will be repaid at specified intervals under that agreement, but the bulk, about 9,000,000,000 marks will still be outstanding when the bankers recover their freedom of action. It is perfectly plain that these heavy demands cannot be met. It is also clear, when the first charge on German earnings abroad is the service of German bonds held by investors, that there is very little chance of the bankers getting their money within a period not of four months, but four years. Even then, the collection will depend upon whether reparations have been waived or reduced.

The outlook should inspire some of the leading figures in the financial world to constructive thought. The short-term loan which is not paid for several years is little distinguishable from a long-term debt. Yet the bankers are curiously loath to regularise the position and give formal registration to an accomplished fact. Their vision in

the matter appears remarkably narrow and we could almost believe in their readiness to allow things to drift until March, if Germany had not forestalled the possibility by lodging her appeal to the Young Committee and thus made tangibly certain of an early discussion of the whole problem. We can only hope that the Committee, when it sits, will not take the line of least resistance and recommend merely a further moratorium and standstill arrangement. It is time the world faced up to the facts. Germany's plight is neither a sudden nor a transient development. Pullatives in the case, putting off the evil hour that is, would mean an even more serious state of affairs to adjust when the issue could no longer be avoided. It has been frequently charged against Germany that she does little to help herself. If there ever was foundation for the criticism, no impartial observer could find it to-day. The continuance of strong support for the policies of Dr. Brüning seems to show clearly that the majority of people in troubled Germany are determined to put their shoulder to the wheel and struggle through, somehow, to economic and financial equilibrium. Her industrialists, by high pressure methods, produced a September balance of trade of over 400,000,000 marks. As Germany can pay her debts only by the selling of goods, the record established in September will stimulate her to further efforts. An even greater encouragement, however, would be recognition abroad of the futility of expecting to collect reparations on the scale provided by the Young Plan.

"Talkies" or "Noisies"?

"Is there too much talking in the 'talkies'?" We ask because a plan has been put into operation by the British producer, Mr. Alfred Hitchcock, to supersede talking by sound. Actually this seems merely a reversion to the very early days of the talkies silver screen, when the technique of audible dialogue was not fully understood, and sound effects were being used to illustrate scenes and action shots. In an endeavour to emphasise the value of "noisies" as compared to dialogue, an enthusiast points to Charlie Chaplin's "City Lights," and argues that the introduction of sound effects in that film to the extinction of the speaking voice, greatly added to the merit and general effectiveness of it. While this is true of "City Lights," it would be foolish to suggest that the same technique could be applied to the average film with success. "City Lights" was essentially a farce, and the gruff staccato notes of a sousaphone to represent the voice of a worthy public speaker, was an inspiration in farce. One can, however, well imagine the horrifying effect of a clarinet used to represent the beautiful voice of Norma Shearer in one of her straight drama pictures, or the adoption of a muted trumpet for Clive Brook's typically English delivery! While "noisies" may yet be used to more effect in comedy and farce, the "straight" film must continue to demand human voices and plenty of dialogue. Many American voices on the screen still leave their hearers tearfully bewailing the lack of tonal beauty and clear enunciation, but it is doubtful if even the most severe critics of the audible screen would prefer "sound effects" in place of language. One is inclined to disagree with the suggestion that the day is coming when people will prefer to go, not to the "talkies," but to the "noisies."

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DAY BY DAY

I WOULD CUT OFF MY OWN HEAD, IF IT HAD NOTHING BETTER IN IT BUT WIT; AND TEAR OUT MY OWN HEART, IF IT HAD NO BETTER DISPOSITION THAN TO LOVE ONLY MYSELF AND LAUGH AT ALL MY NEIGHBOURS.—Pope.

"Pebble!"—although your experiences are interesting, we cannot open our correspondence columns to a discussion of the respective merits of different proprietary wireless sets.

Mrs. W. T. Southern is to distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School Prize Distribution, which will be held at the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Hennessy Road, on Monday, December 14, at 5.15 p.m.

Miss Luba Pecker will give a pianoforte recital at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, December 3 at 6.30 p.m., with music from Chopin and Liszt. Members wishing to reserve tables for tea are asked to telephone to the Matron, No. 22160.

Li Tai-koo, widow, late of No. 248, Hollywood Road, who died on July 10, 1923, at Sha Chung Village, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$31,300, all of which is directed to be used for the benefit of her eldest grandson, whose mother, Ho Shi-widow, temporarily residing at the Hollywood Road address, is appointed the sole executrix.

A trading junk which left Ha Chung, in adjacent Chinese territory, on Tuesday for Hongkong, with a cargo, has not since been heard of, and fears of a possible piracy have been communicated to the Police authorities by Cheung Cheung, a New Territories farmer, who is the son of Cheung Fat, the neighbouring master of the missing craft.

As the Shamshui ferry, Man Sang, was crossing to Hongkong last evening, a Chinese woman, travelling on the third class deck, threw herself overboard. Some little time elapsed before the woman was picked out by the crew of the steam launch Asia and taken back to the Man Sang. Her condition was grave, and although artificial respiration was applied, it was without success.

To-day is Thanksgiving Day in America, and a general holiday is observed in the United States. The American Consulate and other American establishments in Hongkong will remain open for business, and there will be no official recognition of the day, as it is usually celebrated in the homes. There will be several private celebrations including one at the American Club on Saturday night.

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The Dole That Killed An Empire.

By H. STANFORD SMITH.

THE DOLE, so prominently before us to-day, is no original or even modern political expedient. It was instituted some twenty-three centuries ago by the Roman Republic, remained in vigour until the fall of the Empire, sapped the manhood of the Roman people by depriving the most laborious of its population of all incentive for toiling and brought about the decay of Italian agriculture, a serious contributory cause of the collapse of the Roman State.

Present-day conditions are by no means parallel with those in ancient Rome, but the thoughtful reader will find analogies where they exist. Moreover, insurance benefit should not be confounded with the Dole proper or improper—anonymous terms, it is true, but ones which can be employed to draw a distinction between two different classes of people.

The workman who throughout years of honest toil has paid regularly into the State insurance fund not only his own quota but that of one or two of his less fortunate or less virile brethren, is like a man who has prudently taken out a life policy in a national insurance company. On the other hand, the position of the habitual skinker or work-shy youngster who regards the insurance benefit, in his case aptly termed the Dole, as a private income and who intends to live on State bounty with a minimum of effort, has something in common with that of the recipient of cheap, and later of free, corn through State aid in Roman times.

By the early part of the Fifth Century B. C. pauperism had become sufficiently widespread to alarm the ruling classes. As a palliative, the Roman Government began the practice of buying up large stocks of corn from abroad, Sicily, Lucania, and afterwards Egypt, and distributing grain free or, more often selling it at a price considerably below the market rate.

This charitable corn distribution was known as the *annona*. It was at first an emergency measure and an act of grace and compassion on the part of the Government, but from the time of Caius Gracchus, every needy Roman citizen had a right to 5 bushels of corn per month at half the normal price, and after 58 B.C. this grant was made gratis.

By this means, the turbulent Roman mob was kept in a state of quiescence and the ruling aristocracy found a guarantee against possible sedition and thereby acquired complete freedom of political action, for the masses gradually abdicated their rights, giving their suffrages to any political chief who assured them the continuance of the *annona*. They surrendered their birthright for a measure of corn.

One of the greatest responsibilities of the Roman Government was the maintenance of regular supplies of grain for the consumption of the capital, for it knew that if these failed the existing order was in danger of being swept away by an uprising of the famished people.

A department of the State was organised for this purpose and placed under the control of officers called the *aediles ceresales*.

As time went on the number of individuals in receipt of the *annona* increased unceasingly. In the year 58 B.C. 320,000 persons are computed to have been granted it out of a population of about 500,000.

Although the burden on the treasury was enormous, this drain on the revenue was not apparent till two centuries later, owing to Rome's continual foreign conquests, when immense sums in precious metals, roads and slaves were brought in to the capital and also to the levy of a perpetual tax on the conquered countries.

Sicily and Egypt were the granaries of the Empire, and the rural population of these provinces existed for no other purpose than that of feeding the unemployed of Rome. The most deplorable aspect of the *annona* was its effect on Italian agriculture and on the Italian small holders.

Unable to compete with the cheap imported grain which flooded the market, these latter fell into decay, sold or surrendered their holdings to their creditors, and drifted to the towns to swell their already teeming workless populations.

The *annona* has an analogy with our import of cheap foreign corn to-day.

As time passed, urbanisation and depopulation of the countryside went hand-in-hand. Italy ceased to be a corn-producing country. The farms of the peasants were absorbed into the estates of the wealthy and were turned into parks or pleasure gardens or were devoted to the cultivation of olives, vines, and fruit.

The sturdy Roman yeoman disappeared. His decadent descendant became a vicious, effeminate parasite, ever ready to riot but too cowardly to be entrusted with the defence of his country, which was delegated to barbarian mercenaries. By the end of the First Century of our era the Roman Empire had reached its fullest expansion, and was able no longer to continue pillage of vassal States.

At this period depopulation was accelerated by civil wars between rival emperors and by barbarian invasions. What remained of the free rural population crowded terror-stricken into the towns. Even the small amount of tillage carried on at that epoch ceased. The towns were inundated with destitute refugees, famine appeared, prices rose to dizzy heights, bringing with them such severe restriction of trade that both craftsmen and merchants began to desert their callings.

To obviate this tendency, the government chained the worker to his trade, punishing desertion by the severest penalties and decreeing it hereditary in his family. It also planted peasants on the desolate land. The peasant was attached to his holding by force, as were his descendants after him for ever and his labour was remunerated by a fixed share of the product of the land he worked.

These draconian laws failed to revive prosperity or even to be effective. Crisis followed crisis, production dwindled, currency became scarce, trade stagnated, and poverty and wretchedness increased.

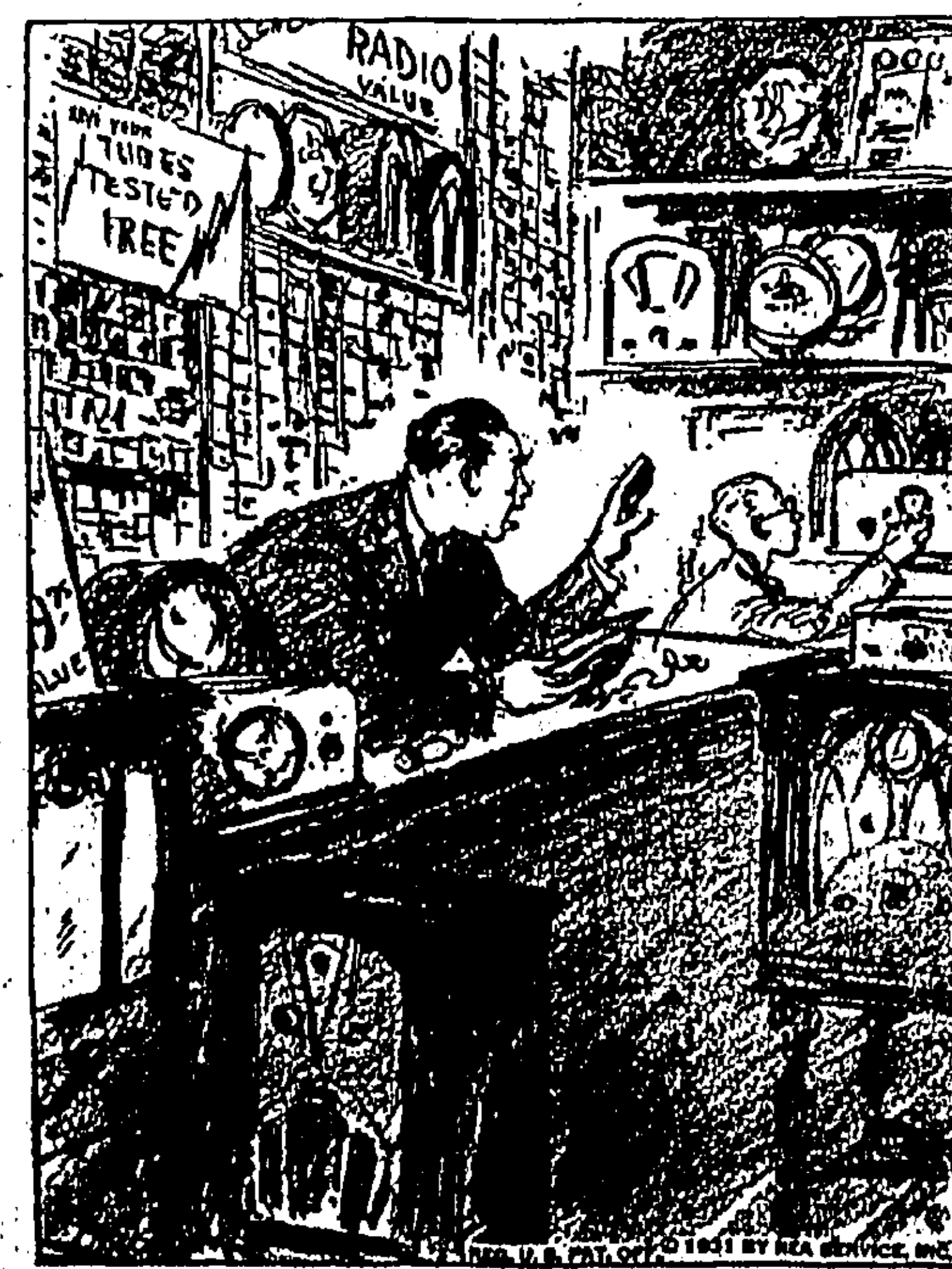
At this period the defence of the empire demanded ever greater expenditure, and the sources of revenue were drying up, consequently taxation became absolutely crushing and effectually stifled any revival of commerce.

With the exception of a few brief interludes under such capable emperors as Diocletian and Constantine, the period A.D. 250-476 was one of the blindest misery for the Roman people, during which they lost, besides their wealth, their civilisation and their nationality.

It is, however, a fact of some significance that the final collapse did not come till after Rome had lost command of the sea. Although the Empire was being attacked on all its frontiers, which were breaking down under the weight of barbarian pressure, its borders were more or less intact until the first half of the Fifth Century.

In A.D. 429 the Vandals overran North Africa, seized New Carthage ten years later, deprived Rome of her African naval base, wrested from her the command of the Middle Sea, and interrupted the convoys of grain.

Provinces after provinces now fell into the hands of barbarian invaders. The soil of Italy itself was no longer inviolate. The end came in A.D. 476, when the last of the Roman Emperors stepped down from the throne of the Caesars and (Continued on Page 7.)



INACCURATE FILE
OF SHARES.APPLICATION FOR TIME TO
CORRECT.

A MISUNDERSTANDING.

Following an misunderstanding due chiefly to splitting of shares consequent upon an increase of the company's capital, an inaccurate return of allotments was made to the Registrar of Companies on behalf of the South China Motorship Building and Repairing Works Limited, St. George's Building.

An application on behalf of the Company, made yesterday in the Supreme Court before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp), by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson, of Messrs. Tso and Hodgson, for an extension of time of seven days in which to file an accurate return was granted.

Mr. Sheldon referred to an affidavit made by Mr. G. Brandt, managing partner of Messrs. Brandt and Company, which firm are general managers of the petitioner company.

The affidavit showed that the company was incorporated on June 12, 1930, as a private limited company with an authorised capital of \$250,000 local currency divided into 2,500 shares of \$100 each.

Capital Increased.

On October 29, 1930, by special resolution, the Company was converted into a public limited company and the authorised capital was increased to \$2,000,000, by the creation of 175,000 new shares of \$10 each, and the 2,500 shares of \$100 each were split into 25,000 shares of \$10 each.

Between June 12, 1930, and June 31, 1931, certain shares were duly applied for and allotted to shareholders and paid for in cash, but owing to an error and misunderstanding of clerks, due, chiefly, to the splitting of the shares, wrong instructions were given to the Company's then solicitor, Mr. A. el Arcelli, as to the shares allotted, and in consequence inaccurate returns of allotment were filed.

It was desired that the accurate returns be filed with the Registrar in substitution for the inaccurate returns.

There was no dispute or mistake in the number of shares allotted or in the money paid for them, and no one had suffered through inaccurate returns filed.

RUSHING GOODS TO
ENGLAND.BIG SHIPMENTS BY
AEROPLANES.

Cologne, Nov. 20.

A last-minute effort to avoid the anticipated British measures against dumping is being made by West German manufacturers who are rushing goods to England by aeroplane to-day.

Although yesterday was a public holiday various airports in Rhineland and Westphalia were abnormally busy dealing with freight for England, over a ton of silk and other wares being loaded on aeroplanes at the Krefeld aerodrome alone. Normally, freight handled daily at this particular airport averages less than seven cwt.

Consignments of manufactured goods despatched to England from the Cologne airport yesterday and to-day were 100 per cent. over normal and included even machine parts and pocket knives.

The rush will be continued until the moment when the measures instituted against dumping are enforced.

JEWEL THIEVES
BIG HAUL.\$10,000 THEFT FROM
SHOP IN STRAND.

London, Nov. 20.

An audaciously planned and executed robbery occurred in the centre of London last night when jewels to the value of \$10,000 were stolen.

The thieves, who were apparently master craftsmen and used the most up-to-date safe-breaking implements, bored through a 15 inch brick wall in a jeweller's shop in the Strand. They then cut the strong steel lining of a safe and escaped with their valuable booty.

This is the second time that these premises have been burgled within a few months.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB,

The following will represent the Club 1st XI v. the Indian Recreation Club on the Club ground on Saturday 28th November, commencing at 2 p.m.—H. Owen Hughes (Capt.); E. J. R. Mitchell, K. H. Batger, G. E. R. Divott, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, E. R. West, E. R. Duckitt, O. G. Simpson, Capt. Mirhouse, A. C. I. Bowker.

EDGAR WALLACE
AS PREACHER."CHRIST IS THE GREAT
TABOO."

Fleetwood, Oct. 26.

Mr. Edgar Wallace, Liberal and Free Trade candidate at Blackpool, preached in a Congregational Church at Fleetwood to-night.

The sermon was the outcome of controversy begun last July, when Dr. Porter, the minister of the church, complained that "modern young people would rather read Edgar Wallace than read the Bible."

Until a quarter of an hour before the service began admission was by ticket only, but a queue from the street to the steps to the door started to form at half-past five, and scores of people waited in a schoolroom 100 yards away for an overflow service to which Mr. Wallace went afterwards.

Before Mr. Wallace began his sermon Dr. Porter announced that he had received an anonymous letter criticising him for inviting "such a sinner" to his pulpit.

"I Am A Sinner."

"I am," Mr. Wallace began, "a sinner. I go to racecourses and mix with coarse men who use coarse language. I make money out of the theatre, and lose money in it."

"You are practising Christians, and this is what I cannot understand about you. Why are you afraid to talk about Christ? When someone at lunch mentions Christ, why does everyone look uncomfortable, cough, and change the subject?"

"Do you really believe these things? Is it that you are shy, or that you lack faith?"

"I believe it is because Christ is the Great Taboo."

"The powdered diamond, which Christ describes the god of the Old Testament, the Jehovah who was so small and mean that he could strike poor people with leprosy. Christ showed that the real God is love, good fellowship and beauty of intent."

"I think the time will come when we shall discuss Christ as freely and proudly as we discuss Nurse Cavell or any other national hero."

Mr. Wallace concluded: "I had a dream. I dreamed I was standing on a parapet looking down on the earth, and that three old saints, all smoking their pipes, were pounding a diamond into powder by my side. They cast the powder on to the earth, and we saw men pick up separate grains."

"The old saints were screaming with laughter, and I asked one of them what it was all about. 'That was the diamond of truth,' he said, 'and the joke is that every man who picks up a speck thinks he has got the whole.'"

Mr. Wallace said he intended his sermon to be that "of a sinner in criticism of the Christian Churches."

When he sat down Dr. Porter, thanking him for his sermon, said: "It would be a good thing if Mr. Wallace would forsake detective stories for a time, and go forth preaching."

ROUND THE WORLD.

STANDARDISED TRIPS.
AND THE OTHER WAY.

For the average tourist, a trip around the world is an amusing but often a standardized experience. It is apt to resemble a sort of grandiose moving picture performance with the train and stateroom window for a silver screen. To the artist, however, who, violin in hand, wanders from place to place in strange countries playing everywhere before people as different from cosmopolitan audiences as an American Ford differs from a Chinese ricksha, a world tour is an endless chain of new and fantastic adventures, an unforgettable experience in the field of music and of human psychology.

Hoffetz who has made three world tours and who is making a fourth this year, says that, after having played before an almost endless variety of audiences, he has found that standard Western music speaks an eternal and international language, intelligible to the Parsi merchant, the Arab Sheikh, the Japanese student, or the American stockbroker.

He has discovered three things which know no borders: classical music, American jazz, and applause as the sign of the public's approval. Play where you please, he says, if your men are dressed by Bond Street and your women by the Rue de la Paix or if your audience comes in kimono and sandals, you may be nearly sure of one thing—that if your hearers like Beethoven, they will show it by clapping their hands together long and loudly.

Hoffetz is expected to be in the Colony again on Dec. 4th.

A "CORNER" IN THE
SOLENT.BIG PLAN TO ROUND
IT OFF.SAFER CHANNEL FOR
GIANT SHIPS.

Southampton Oct. 29.

Work has been begun on extensive improvements to the approaches to Southampton Docks. These will reduce to a minimum the danger of vessels grounding, and will make Southampton Water navigable by all ships, however large.

The improvements now being carried out form part of an ambitious "Five Year Plan," which has been launched by Southampton Harbour Board, and which will help to reduce local unemployment.

The various schemes in all will cost nearly £250,000. When completed they will make practically impossible a repetition of mishaps such as befell the Berengaria, the Mauretania, and the Statendam last spring, when they went aground in the approaches to Southampton Water.

One section of the work—the widening of the channel near the entrance to the docks—is already in hand. At present this channel is 600 feet wide, but after dredging operations have been completed, its width will be increased to 1,000 feet. This improvement will give the giant Transatlantic liners more room in which to manoeuvre, and will obviate the danger of congestion.

Improved Signals.

The rest of the work to be undertaken by the Harbour Board consists of widening and deepening the channel near the entrance to Southampton Water and off Calshot Spit.

Opposite Calshot the channel is to be dredged to a depth of 38 feet, but the most important stage in the scheme will be reached in the New Year, when work is to be begun on rounding-off the abrupt "corner" in the Solent, where ocean-bound ships at present have to take a right-angle turn before making for the Nab and open sea.

This turn needs careful piloting, and if the channel is at all congested there is at present a danger of ships grounding.

While these developments are being carried out by Southampton Harbour Board, Trinity House is giving careful attention to the question of improving the various signals in the approaches to Southampton Water.

As a result of negotiations during the summer between the Harbour Board and Trinity House, the latter body has decided to carry out much-needed improvements, and at the same time to conduct experiments with new signalling apparatus.

Last spring, when the three Transatlantic liners named went aground, it was suggested that improved signalling apparatus in the Solent would make navigation considerably easier.

The Southampton Harbour Board subsequently made recommendations to Trinity House, and some of these have now been adopted. It has been decided to accelerate the period of the fog signal at Calshot Spit. This will prove of considerable help to pilots entering or leaving Southampton Water.

Wireless Beacon.

The other bone of contention is the apparatus at the Nab Tower, off the easternmost end of the Isle of Wight. Ships have to round this point before entering or leaving the Solent. At present the Nab Tower is equipped only with a fog-horn, but improvements are being carried out which will make it more useful for navigators.

Attention is being given to the question of the installation of a wireless beacon, and experiments are also being carried out with a submarine oscillator. Efforts are also being made to improve the effectiveness of the fog-horn by removing it to a lower position on the tower.

Trinity House and Southampton Harbour Board are wasting no time in putting these improvements into effect. When they are completed Southampton will be able to claim with some justification that it is one of the most accessible and convenient ports in the world.

Meanwhile, excellent progress is being made with the dock extensions, which are being carried out by the Southern Railway.

An enormous spoon-shaped hollow has been made for the largest graving dock in the world. This will contain upwards of 300,000 tons of water, and will be required as soon as the new Cunard liner now under construction leaves the Clydebank shipyards.

The revival of trade and the completion of these extensions will be a confidently expected, result in a large increase of shipping at Southampton, and the improvements to the approaches will remove one of the principal obstacles to Southampton's development as a passenger and cargo port.

A FAINT GREY
FILM.SCIENTISTS' DREAM
REALISED.

A faint grey film, like the faintest of faintly smoked glass—such is the outward appearance of the latest triumph of the research laboratories of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, South Kensington.

It is a crystal of platinum so thin as to be virtually invisible, and represents the realization of the mathematician's dream of a two-dimensional world—in which there is no volume and where air with its capacity for unlimited expansion is an impossible conception.

A plane may be defined as a surface without thickness. The crystals produced by Professor G. I. Finch and his fellowworkers are as large as a florin in area, but their thickness may be small as one millionth of the smallest particle of platinum which would be visible to the naked eye.

Scientists have drawn an analogy between the difficulty experienced by the ordinary human being in understanding the world of Einstein and the difficulty which would be experienced by an inhabitant of a two-dimensional world who suddenly found himself transported into the world in which we live.

Scientists' Regret.

Professor Finch's crystals may be transferred at will from one world to the other, and the only regret of scientists is that they are unable to record their impressions of the process. But this much is known of their two-dimensional existence—it has been shown by X-rays that the crystals lead as perfectly ordered an existence as do similar crystals in our ordinary three-dimensional world.

Are these crystals of practical use? The purpose of Professor Finch's work was an attempt to determine why platinum was more efficient in some forms than in others in accelerating certain chemical changes. Many such changes, in which platinum is used, are of commercial importance, and if a suitable use can be found for the new crystals it is possible that resources of the two-dimensional world may be called in to redress the balance of our own.

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KILLED AN EMPIRE.

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the distracted people actually found relief under the stern but stronger rule of a barbarian conqueror.

NEW HATS MAY
BRIGHTEN LIFE.

By HELEN ROSE.

THE bachelor Judge, Mr. Justice McCardie, passing sentence on women's dress a day or two ago, declared that nothing brightened the lives of women like a new dress or a new hat, and that the brighter the lives of the women the brighter the lives of the men.

He was right to a point. But he forgot that every silver lining has a cloud. Does an extravagant wife make a husband brighter when he has to pay the bill? I doubt it. A wife's only thing a man notices about his wife's clothes is the bill, and I can't see that a man who has never observed a new hat will take a delight in paying for it.

A wife pays for her brightness, too. She may be pleased to exhibit her new hat to her husband, but the most hardened of wives feels a tremor at exhibiting the account for it.

As a matter of fact, it is not the best-dressed woman who spends most on her clothes. It is the woman who does not know how to dress. You can be well dressed on five pounds, and vilely dressed on fifty. The husband who has to pay exorbitant dress bills is usually paying not so much for his wife's extravagance as for her ignorance.

Few women really lose their heads over clothes, but they frequently buy what they don't want because they don't know what they do want.

In spite of Mr. Justice McCardie's condemnation of modern woman's extravagance, more self-denial is practised by women with regard to their clothes than is ever asked of men. What does the bachelor Judge know of the pink

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8.00 p.m. Time signal and weather report.
8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese Studio Coast.
10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.
10.33 p.m. Close down.

5.00-5.30 p.m. A Concert.
Song—Little Brown Owl (Sanderson).
Maya Bennett (Soprano). B2190.
Violin Solo—Op. Promise Me (R. De Koven).

Renee Chenet. 1328.
Song—The Erl King (Schubert).
Robert Radford (Bass). D1276.
String Quartet—Londonderry Air (Arr. Bridge).

Virtuoso String Quartet. C1470.
Song—By The Waters of Minnetonka (Lieurance).

Song—The Lass With The Delicate Air (Arne).
Mavis Bennett (Soprano). B2453.
Piano Solo—Etude in F Major (Mendelssohn).

Piano Solo—Etude in A Minor (Mendelssohn).
Sergei Rachmaninoff. 1266.
Song—O Mistress Mine (Quilter).

Song—Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind (Quilter).
George Baker (Baritone). B2500.
6.38-6.08 p.m. European children's programme from the studio.

6.08-6.30 p.m. Orchestral.
Spanish Dance (Moszkowski).
Victor Concert Orchestra. 22769.
The Daughter of The Regiment (Donizetti).

La Scala Orchestra Milan. C1654.
Mistralp Suito (Ferdie Grofe).
Paul Whiteman and His Orch. 35859.
6.30-6.45 p.m.

Suite Gothique (Boellmann) played by Reginald Goss-Custard F.R.C.O. on the organ of Queen's Hall London. B3260-B3261.
7.00 p.m. (Stock quotations and mail notices, etc.)

6.46-7.32 p.m. Variety.
Song—Zig-zag (From "Bitter-Sweet").
Peggy Wood (Soprano). B3144.

Song—If Love Were All (From "Bitter Sweet").
Ivy St. Heller (Soprano). B3144.
Monologue—Another Bedtime Story—Cinderella.

Wish Wynne. B3127.
Orchestral—Early Ragtime Memories.
Jack Hylton and His Orch. C1653.
Song—Down In Our Village In Summer.
Song—Tonata.

Norman Long. B2296.
Vocal Gems from "Hit The Deck".
Light Opera Co. C1433.
Organ Solo—Desert Song.
Reginald Foort. B2468.

7.32-8.00 p.m. Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan.
The Gondoliers.
The Sorcerer.
Trial By Jury.

The Regimental Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1273, C1274, C1435, and C1436.
8.00 p.m. Local time and weather report.
8.03-10.30 p.m. Chinese studio concert.
10.30 p.m. Rugby mid-day press news.

10.33 p.m. Close down.
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frock dyed brown, of the shabby coat re-turned, or the last year's hat re-trimmed?

The majority of women cannot be very extravagant in the matter of clothes, or every newspaper would be crowded with notices from husbands that they are not responsible for their wives' debts.

A new hat may be a tonic to a woman. She needs it after wrestling with the old one. And when Mr. Justice McCardie says that the brighter the women the brighter the men, he should add the men who don't pay.

It may not occur to husbands that it is often their own fault that their wives are extravagant. Many a young wife dresses to please her husband. At first, anyhow. She little knows, poor dear, that the man who notices his wife's clothes is as rare as hens' teeth.

Perhaps if he took the trouble to praise her old clothes she wouldn't buy so many new ones. He might even help her choose them. If he told her she looked divine in the blue frock at a guinea, she might not listen to the dressmaker who tells her she looks divine in the black, one at five guineas.

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MIXED DOUBLES
TENNIS.OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP
NEXT MONTH.

The Open Mixed Doubles Tennis championship, under the auspices of the Chinese Recreation Club, will be held next month, the following being the competitors:—Lt. Cdr. L. B. A. Blandie, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. F. Gross, Mr. E. C. Fincher, Mr. H. D. Rumlahn, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, Mr. M. W. Lo, Mr. R. L. Ho, Mr. R. G. Mills, Mr. Yew Man Kit, Mr. P. R. Walsham, Miss Hancock, Mr. L. Goldman, and Mr. Waring.

The first round shall be played off before December 6, and the second round before December 17. The competitors shall make their own arrangements as to the ground on which the said rounds shall be played, but the first named pair in each bracket shall have the choice of ground.

The semi-finals shall be played on the C.R.C. ground on December 19, and the final on December 20. The Tennis Sub-Committee of the C.R.C. may extend the time limit if they think fit on account of bad weather or other unforeseen occurrence.

For each match four new Slazenger balls will be provided by the C.R.C. Free of charge. The first named pair in each bracket shall apply to China Sports, No. 10, D'Aguiar Street, for the balls. Best of three sets shall be played in all the matches, and all results must be immediately sent in to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Leung Sai Wah.

TENNIS LOSS TO
COLONY.MRS. DOOK LEAVES
FOR HOME.

By the departure for England this morning of Mrs. Dook, Hongkong loses one of its leading lady tennis players, and her absence will be especially felt by the United Services Recreation Club, of which she was a prominent member and has appeared regularly in the league team for the past two years.

Mrs. Dook will be remembered for her gallant display in the Open Singles Championship last year, when she won her way through to the semi-final, and was then defeated by the champion, Miss Enid Lo, after one of the best games of the competition. She ran Miss Lo to three sets, losing the first at 6-1, winning the second to three, and conceding the third at 6-love. Possessing a very fine forehand drive, Mrs. Dook was always a powerful and dangerous opponent, and had she possessed a wider range of strokes might well have advanced to the top flight of local players.

She left Hongkong this morning, accompanying her husband, Flying Officer Dook, of the Royal Air Force, on H.M.T. Neuralla.

BUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following will represent the Kowloon second fifteen against H.M.S. Hermes 2nd XV, at King's Park on Saturday, kick-off 4.15 p.m. sharp.—Easterbrook, Whitley, Morris, Davies, Muller, Kilby, Crozier, McNider, Bonham, Brokenshire, Tiplie, Riddell, Bergaust, Jenner, Reserves—Edwards and Mitchell.

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WAR AGAINST
CANCER.SCIENTISTS MAKING
PROGRESS.

PREVENTION & CURE.

In the course of a Chadwick Public Lecture, Dr. F. J. McCann discussed the prevention of cancer. He emphasised that there was probably no real increase of cancer, the apparent increase being due to more accurate diagnosis and to the fact that there is an increasing number of old people in the population.

Dr. McCann asserted that cancer is largely a "preventable" disease. If every person over 35 years of age were to undergo an examination as to physical fitness every year the prevention of cancer would become a practical proposition.

Chronic irritation is known to be a common cause of cancer, and strict bodily cleanliness should occupy a foremost place among the methods of prevention. This can be applied not only to external surfaces of the body but also to a certain extent to internal organs.

Dr. McCann thinks that the probable cause of cancer is some chemical product of tissue degeneration which, occurring in the blood stream, is capable of promoting the irregular and uncontrolled growth of certain cells of the body, which is the beginning of cancer.

"That the secret of cancer is to be found in the blood stream has frequently been mentioned in these columns," Dr. McCann thinks that the "internal secretions," that is, the chemical messengers of the body, turned into the blood stream by several important gland-factories, have the power of regulating all growth.

Special Gland.

This strikingly confirmed by an article in the current issue of the *British Medical Journal*, by Dr. William Susman, of Manchester.

According to this worker, a special gland inside the skull, lying just under the brain, known as the pituitary, plays an important part in the causation of cancer. This gland is in two parts: the forward part is known to control growth everywhere in the body, and in a series of investigations Dr. Susman found that it was over active in many patients with cancer.

At the same time, the back part of the pituitary gland is under-active, and a third point brought out by his investigations is that cancer patients probably eat too much "carbohydrate," that is food stuffs containing sugar and starch. In certain animal experiments with mice, complete disappearance of cancerous growth of the skin was obtained by injecting the substance usually produced by the back part of the pituitary gland. (This is known as pituitrin, and is already used for other purposes in medicine).

Successful Treatment.

Dr. Susman then tried his treatment on certain advanced cases of cancer in humans, only expected to live a few weeks. He gave them a diet low in carbohydrate to starve the tumour, injections of the posterior part of the pituitary gland, and some doses of another gland extract known to control over activity of the forward part of the pituitary gland.

In all the cases the malignant tumours became smaller, the patients looked and felt better, life has been prolonged, and in one instance a tumour was easily shelled out of the skin, without cutting, seven weeks after this treatment was begun.

Since Dr. Susman began this treatment he has had no deaths from cancer.

More work and more time is necessary to settle whether all cases of cancer can be helped in this way, but the results are encouraging, and the treatment is based on thoroughly scientific lines and contradicts none of the known facts about cancer. More than that it would, at the moment, be premature to say, but what Manchester thinks to-day may be thought by the whole world at a later date.

THE LATE MR. F. DA
SILVA.LARGE ATTENDANCE AT
FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

X. F. da Silva, whose death we announced yesterday, took place last evening at the Roman Catholic Cemetery in the presence of his relatives, former office colleagues and a large number of friends. The coffin was covered with floral tributes.

Among those present were Messrs. F. M. P. da Silva and J. M. P. da Silva (brothers of the deceased), F. M. Graca, J. M. Rocha, V. F. Soares, E. M. V. E. Sousa, J. A. V. Remedios, A. F. B. Silva-Netto, N. Nemasee, J. M. V. Remedios, J. M. Noronha, V. C. Rocha, J. H. Rutthunee and W. Ward.

SUMMER STILL IN
ICELAND.LOOKING FORWARD
TO WINTER.

Reykjavik (Iceland).

After an almost too perfect summer with its daily allowance of anything from twenty to twenty-three and a half hours of brilliant sunshine, Iceland is looking forward to the winter.

Usually in September the first snow falls in Reykjavik, though officially Iceland's winter does not begin till the fourth Friday in October. This year we have seen only a little snow on the distant mountain tops.

Though our houses need a certain amount of artificial heat in the early mornings and at night, we find ourselves more comfortable with doors and windows open from about eleven in the morning till three or four in the afternoon. Since there are very few trees here little attention is given to spring and autumn. We think only in terms of summer and winter. This year it appears as though we were to have no winter.

Recently, when winter began according to the calendar, Icelanders performed the yearly ceremony of thanking one another for the summer and wishing one another a happy winter.

Next April, on the fourth Thursday, we shall be expressing thanks for the winter, though at present signs of that restful season are lacking.

Some years ago, before oil for lighting purposes had been ousted by electricity, all the lamps in the houses were put away at about the end of May. They would not be needed again till September.

Before central heating became general it was the custom to have double, or inner windows fitted when the lamps were brought out. These were removed when the warmer weather came. The practice gave rise to the cliché: "We were glad to see them come, and still more glad to see them go." To-day we feel that we shall be glad when winter comes.

MAMAK HOCKEY
TOURNAMENT.

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Amsterdam.....	9 5/32	9 5/32
Stockholm.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Vienna.....	29	29
Madrid.....	43 7/16	43 7/16
Bucharest.....	61 1/2	61 1/2
Hongkong.....	1/3 31/32	1/3 31/32
Brussels.....	20 7/16	20 7/16
Milan.....	72 5/16	72 5/16
Copenhagen.....	18 1/2	18 1/2
Prague.....	12 1/2	12 1/2
Lisbon.....	109 1/2	109 1/2
Rio.....	3 15/16	3 15/16
Bombay.....	1/6 1/2	1/6 1/2
Yokohama.....	2 3/4	2 3/4
Montevideo.....	23	23
Manila.....	4 1/2	4 1/2
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" (forward).....	18 1/2	18 1/2

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TYPHOON WARNINGS.

PROVISION OF MORE SIGNAL
FACILITIES.

Concerning protection for the sampan population during typhoons in Hongkong, Mr. Chiu Chun-yu further mentioned his scheme to construct tugs for the benefit of the people at sea, at the monthly meeting of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, yesterday. Mr. Chiu asked the Executive Committee to give serious consideration to his recommendation and to pass it, whether support was to be enlisted from the Chamber, the Government, or the commercial community for this project.

At the same meeting Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, the Chairman, said that some time ago the Chamber had written to the Harbour Office regarding the provision of better typhoon signal facilities, and he was still waiting for the official decision.

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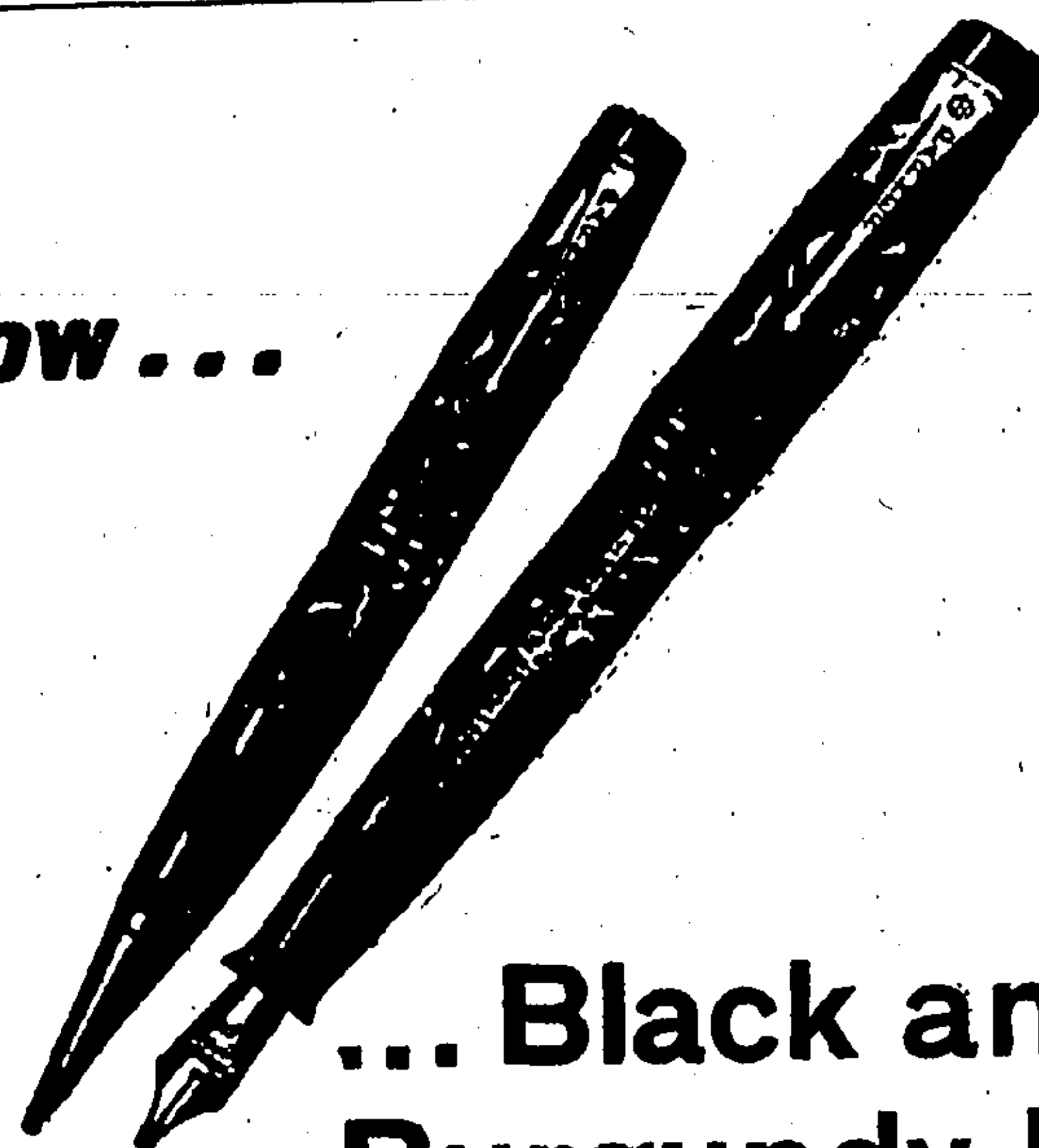
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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

The most interesting motion picture script ever seen in Hollywood was prepared by Josef von Sternberg and Samuel Hoffenstein, author of "Poema in France of Prudently Nothing" and "Year In and Year Out," for "An American Tragedy."

The script contains thirty-four sequences of various lengths, all blended into one another to give a smooth execution of the dramatic story. In several sequences no words are spoken; in one sequence only two words are heard. The entire script was preceded by chapter synopsis of each of the two volumes which make up the Dreiser novel.

Phillips Holmes, recently seen in "Stolen Heaven," Sylvia Sydney and Frances Dee have the leading roles in this drama which is now showing at the King's Theatre.

Frances Dee is probably the most remarkable figure of the trio. A few months ago an unknown extra, she accidentally slipped into prominence in support of Maurice Chevalier in "Playboy of Paris." She proved capable in a few minor roles and then came her big chance in "An American Tragedy."

The drama of "An American Tragedy" is the drama of Clyde Griffiths, young, weak, wanting love, desiring wealth and position. A young factory girl, Roberta Alden, gives him love and then he discovers he can have love with wealth and position by devoting himself to the glittering Sordana Finchley. To rid himself of Roberta's unwanted attentions, he resorts to a fateful mistake and pulls all the hate and scorn of society down on his head.

"Just a Gigolo."

"Just a Gigolo," with the irrepressible William Haines masquerading as a gigolo in a European summer resort, is the attraction at the Queen's Theatre.

Haines rumps through a whimsical comic situation that is varied with some tense dramatic moments. Two members of the original David Bolles stage cast, brought from New York for the picture, to preserve all the flavour of the original, while spectacle is added in an aeroplane elopement, scenes in replicas of famous spots in Europe and other details.

Haines plays a young British nobleman with an American background. Irene Purcell plays the role she did on the stage, the sophisticated heroine, and Charlotte Granville is seen in her stage role as the mother.

"Hush Money."

Hardie Albright is co-featured with Joan Bennett in "Hush Money," to be shown at the King's Theatre next Sunday.

As a youngster he used to listen to his father relate his experiences as a detective. These stories caught the youngster's imagination and he decided that he, too, would become a detective. However, as he grew older, he decided that he wouldn't be satisfied with sleuthing.

He appeared in a stock company in Pittsburgh, acquired a following, and could have remained there indefinitely. Broadway he craved, unromantically, for he caught on almost immediately. There followed principal roles in "Gang War," "A Hundred Years Old," "The Cradle Song" and "Young Sinners."

He played in "Young Sinners" until he was offered the juvenile lead in "The Greeks Had a Word for It." The play and he were both hits. But when a Fox scout approached him with an offer to take a test for the screen version of "Young Sinners," Albright jumped at the chance. He took the test and won not only the role but a long term contract as well.

Another Come-Back.

William Farnum first retired from the stage at the age of four. He retired again at thirteen and still again in his early forties. But he has always come back.

The first picture role since his last retirement five years ago is Norma Talmadge's "Du Barry, Woman of Passion," an intimate story of the famous enchantress, which is coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly.

This is Farnum's first talking picture. Misfortune interrupted his career in 1926. He was making "The Man Who Fights Alone" for Paramount. The Company was on location in Glacier National Park. Farnum was leading the way up in a dangerous icy trail. The snow was crusted to the hardness of ice. He slipped and saw a chasm gaping below him, a 7,000-foot plunge. With all his strength he shoved his foot through the ice-crust and stopped on the edge of the chasm. He was seriously injured when the guide got to him with a rope. He finished the picture in a wheel chair.

For several years he suffered illness, underwent operations. With gradually returning strength, he accepted brief stage roles. Then Sam Taylor and Norma Talmadge agreed that he was the ideal player to appear opposite the star in "Du Barry, Woman of Passion," and the screen knows him once again. In the cast with him are Conrad Nagel, Ulrich Haupt, Hobart Bosworth, Allison Skipworth, Edgar Norton, Clary Fitzgerald, Edwin Maxwell, Tom Ricketts, Henry Kolker, E. Alyn Warren, Oscar Apfel, Tom Santachi and Maude Trues.

Holiday.

Two important players in the screen cast of "Holiday," which is being filmed under the direction of Edward H. Griffith, were members of the original Broadway company playing in this Philip Barry stage success.

Elizabeth Forrester, who is seen as "Lauri Gram" in the screen play, played the role of "Julia" in New York. Mary Astor fills this part in the picture. Monroe Owsley will be seen in the part he created on the stage.

Ann Harding has the featured lead in "Holiday," which will begin at the Central Theatre. Edward Everett Horton, Robert Ames, Hedda Hopper, Creighton Hale, Mabel Forrest, Hallam Cooley and William Holden are in the supporting cast.



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EYE TESTS BY TEACHERS.

SUGGESTED AID IN VITAL WORK.

A suggestion that teachers might be able to help in the work of testing the eyesight of school children is made by the Committee of Inquiry into the problems connected with defective vision in school children.

In its report, the Committee, over Sir George Newman, chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health, presided, states:

"When it is remembered that approximately 200,000 cases of defective vision and squint occurring among school children are treated annually, the importance of doing

everything possible to secure early recognition of the abnormal, and to obtain treatment along lines determined by scientific inquiry becomes manifest."

The idea apparently was that every child should have its refraction determined by retinoscopy instead of, as now, merely having its vision tested; in fact, examination by refraction should become part and parcel of routine medical inspection.

Work Teachers Could Do.

At present a long-distance test was applied as a routine measure at the age of eight. It is suggested that a modified test should be applied at the age of seven.

The procedure was comparatively so simple that it might well form part of the duty of the school nurse, or even of teachers, if carefully trained by the medical officer in the details of vision testing.

Teaching the Blind.

The claims of blind teachers to teach blind children was urged by a deputation representing organisations connected with the care of the blind and the London Teachers' Association, who waited upon the London Teaching Staff Sub-Committee.

The deputation also asked that the L.C.C. resolution that in future no blind teachers should be appointed to a school for blind children should be reconsidered.

The deputation emphasised the suitability of blind teachers because of their "natural sympathy." The sub-committee, however, considered the sighted teacher might be better able to create a happy outlook, and to teach the children to overcome their limitations.

The sub-committee recommended that blind teachers should not be debarred from applying for appointments.

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Radium Crepe (Double Width)	\$2.80 "
Georgette (Double Width)	\$1.20 "
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POPULAR COUPLE MARRIED.

MR. ARTHUR BRAILSFORD
AND MISS HARDINGE.

Miss Caroline Mary Hardinge, a popular local girl, made a pretty picture as she walked down the aisle of St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when she was married to Mr. Arthur Brailsford, of the Radio Office. Dean Swann was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is the only daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. B. Hardinge, well-known local residents, and formerly held a position in the Harbour Office, while the bridegroom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brailsford.

Attired in a dress of period design in Brussels net and lace, caught up by tiny rings of orange blossom, with true lovers' knots of the palest pink softly veiled by Brussels net, the bride wore a handsome embroidered veil and Juliet cap of orange blossom buds. She carried a sheath of white chrysanthemums and pale pink roses.

A dainty group of flower girls, Misses Marion Vincent, Jean Parkinson, Poppy Arnold, and Barbara Roe, attended the bride. They wore dainty ankle length dresses of empire design in pastel shades representing lilac, love-in-the-mist, poppy and forget-me-nots, with gold lace caps and posies of flowers at the ears with gold shoes. Master Roger Arnold, the page, was in a pale blue bubble suit of satin. They carried bunches of lilac, love-in-the-mist, poppies and forget-me-nots. The dresses of the bridal group were designed and made by Eunice.

Capt. W. B. Hardinge gave his daughter away, and Mr. A. E. Jeffries was best man. The bride's mother was in an ensemble of brown satin and floral georgette with hat to tone and she carried a bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. Mr. F. Mason was at the organ. Messrs. F. Kemp, T. Rolland and G. Arnold were groomsmen.

After the ceremony a reception, largely attended, was held at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden, where the health of the couple was proposed by Capt. Hardinge. The bridegroom replied. The toast of the bridesmaids was proposed by Mr. F. Kemp, Mr. Jeffries replying.

The couple intend to spend a honeymoon at the Fanling Golf Club. The bride's travelling dress was a Paris ensemble of lemon and black with hat to tone.

ST. JOSEPH'S TEACHER.

A Well-known Chinese
Couple Married.

A wedding of considerable local interest took place yesterday afternoon, when Miss Sylvia Yip Kwang-fong became the bride of Mr. Vincent A. Chan. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Yip Fook-cho of Hongkong, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Sam of Manila, and is a teacher at the St. Joseph's College. The ceremony was performed at St. Margaret's Church, Broadwood Road, by Rev. Fr. E. Teruzzi, assisted by Rev. Fr. D. Page.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by a matron of honour while Miss N. Chang, Miss Lily Wong and Miss Ng Po-wan acted as bridesmaids. The three little flower girls were Miss C. Leung, Miss G. Chan and Miss K. Chan. Mrs. Yip carried the bride's train. Mr. John S. H. Wan was best man.

A reception was held after the ceremony at the bridegroom's residence, No. 141 Wong Nei Chong Road, and was attended by a large number of relatives, friends and other well-wishers. A dinner was held at the Kam Ling restaurant later in the evening, at which about 700 people were present, when Mr. Wan Shik-hung proposed the toast of the newly-wedded couple. He said:

To-night I have the honour and the great pleasure of addressing you on the happy occasion of the marriage of Miss Sylvia Yip Kwang-fong of Mr. Vincent A. Chan. Though my knowledge of the bride is but of a few months' duration, I have been a close friend of Mr. Vincent A. Chan for a considerably longer period. I may well say that as far as I can judge, there is nothing but great happiness in store for the newly-married couple. The bridegroom's kind and winning character, with his natural abilities, make the future as bright as can be. I will not detain you by further eulogies for I believe they are both well known in local circles. On behalf of the bride and bridegroom, I thank all here gathered for their presence and their kind felicitations.

He then toasted the future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Chan, and Mr. Chan Sam responded and thanked the guests.

The newly-married couple afterwards left for Fanling for the honeymoon.

NEW AMERICAN FLIGHT RECORD.



James Goodwin Hall a New York broker, the former army flyer is shown above, left at Roosevelt Field, long island, beside his plane "Crusader" in which he broke by 46 minutes Captain Frank Hawley's time for a non-stop flight from New York to Havana. Hall's plane was given its name through his interest in the Crusaders, an anti prohibition organization.

DEATH OF MR. LAU KING-CHO.

MANAGER OF THE YAUMATI
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It is with regret that we have to record the sudden death of Mr. Lau King-cho, manager and director of the Hongkong and Yaumati Ferry Company, Limited, which occurred yesterday afternoon shortly after two o'clock at his residence in Kennedy Road. Mr. Lau was the nephew of the late Mr. Lau Chu-pak, a former Chinese representative in the Hongkong Legislative Council.

The late Mr. Lau King-cho was apparently in the best of health on Tuesday, and attended to his work at the Yaumati Ferry Company Office in Des Voeux Road until five o'clock. His sudden demise must be a shock to his many friends in the foreign and Chinese community, who held him in the highest esteem.

The deceased is survived by a widow, four sons and two daughters. In addition to being the manager of the Yaumati Ferry Co., Mr. Lau was interested in many business concerns in Hong-

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DESPATCH VIA BRINDISI
THIS WEEK-END.

An opportunity has occurred to send mails to Europe via Brindisi this week-end by the steamer Gange. These mails, which will be closed in the Kowloon Post Office at 4.30 p.m. and in the General Post Office at 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 25, are due in Brindisi on December 21 and should reach London early on December 24.

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The collection now on deposit in the sanatorium at the London Zoo was made in that portion of German New Guinea formerly known as King Wilhelm's Land, which is now held under mandate by the Government of Australia.

Birds of Paradise form the greater part of the collection, and there are no fewer than six species which have never been brought alive to Europe before. All the birds are in splendid condition, and their unruffled plumage is as fresh as on the day they were caught, in spite of the tireless four months' journey which they have completed.

One of the most curious is the sickle-billed Bird of Paradise, which has a curved beak almost half as long as itself. Its method of feeding is rather like that of toucans and hornbills, for it picks up its food with the extreme tip of its beak, and then throws it back into its throat with the greatest precision. In nature the long beak is probably used in extracting nectar from the deep trumpets of tropical flowers.

Birds' Colour Schemes

Among other rarities are several bower birds from the same district, and so called because of their habit of constructing tunnel-like bowers of twigs and leaves, which they decorate and use as play-grounds.

All sorts of bright odds and ends are collected and laid in patterns in and about the bower, but usually the decorations consist of gaily-coloured flower petals, which are renewed day by day as they fade.

The birds have a strong sense not only of colour but also of size and proportion, for Mr. Mayer, in describing his observations to a *Working Press* representative stated that he had once seen the bower of one of these birds decorated with the bright wing cases of a certain beetle, which were arranged not only symmetrically but also in exact size according to the measurements of the wings. Apparently these bowers are constructed for the birds' amusement and pleasure and have nothing to do with nesting or the breeding season.

An interesting family of tree kangaroos completes the collection. The Zoo already has some specimens of tree kangaroos, but the species which Mr. Mayer has brought home is a new one. Instead of being grey or black like the common tree kangaroos, his specimens are of a beautiful chestnut colour, which fades into buff on the under surface of the body and head. They are about the size of wallabies and have long tails, which they use for balancing and which are to a certain extent prehensile.

The family consists of a male, two females, and a shy baby.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE TEAMS FOR SATURDAY'S GAMES.

The Civil Service C.C. first and second teams are playing the Craigie-gower seniors and juniors on Saturday in league matches. The first eleven game will be played on the Civil Service ground with the following players representing the home team: B. D. Evans, (Capt.), J. E. Richardson, G. E. Stanger, (Capt.), B. C. K. Hawkins, R. E. O. Bird, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, R. B. Wood, N. L. Bebbington, and R. A. J. Simpson.

The Civil Service second eleven, which will journey to the Craigie-gower ground, will be as follows: H. E. Stanger, (Capt.), B. C. K. Hawkins, R. E. O. Bird, F. J. Ling, F. Baker, R. M. Wood, E. W. Hamilton, R. B. Wood, N. L. Bebbington, G. Robertson, and F. Matthews.

On Sunday a Civil Service team will meet the Volunteers at Happy Valley. The following will be represented by the following: J. E. Richardson, (Capt.), R. H. Griffiths, R. M. Wood, J. M. Wilson, R. B. Wood, B. C. K. Hawkins, R. A. J. Simpson, J. F. McGowan, N. L. Bebbington, F. Matthews, and R. G. Robertson.

H.K.C.C. 2nd XI v. I.R.C. 2nd XI. The following will represent the Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI against the I.R.C. 2nd XI on the latter's ground at 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 28: K. Hepburn (Captain), C. E. Gahagan, R. R. Davies, F. A. M. Elliott, A. J. Wolf, L. A. Whipple, L. B. Smith, J. R. Ratten, L. D. Kilboe, J. M. Stanley, J. Macfarlane.

Military v. Civil.

The following have been selected to represent the R.E. and R.C. of S. in the match to be played against the K.C.C. on the Kowloon Cricket Club grounds on Saturday, the 28th inst., commencing at 2 p.m. sharp: Col. Skinner, R.E., Lt. Col. Marsden, R.E., Lt. Anstruther, R.E., Lt. Ewbank, R.C., S. C. Jordan, R.E., Cpl. Meehan, Cpl. Saunders, L/Cpl. Higgins, R.C. of S., Spr. Holmes, Sgmn. Williams, Sgmn. Gillott, Reserve: Spr. Waldron, Scorer, Sgmn. Hurst, Umpire, S. M. Gomer, R.E.

R.E. v. H.Q.S.W.B.

The following have been selected to represent the R.E. in their match with the H.Q.S.W.B. to be played at Sookunpo on Monday, the 30th inst., commencing at 2 p.m. sharp: Col. Skinner, R.E., Lt. Col. Marsden, R.E., Capt. Mitchell, R.E., Lt. Anstruther, R.E., S. C. Jordan, Sgt. Buckle, Sgt. Savell, Cpl. Meehan, Spr. Whitefield, Spr. Holmes, Spr. Waldron, Reserve: L/Cpl. Grosvenor, Umpire, S. M. Gomer, R.E.

EMPIRE RELATIONS.

CONSERVATIVES AND IRELAND.

London, Nov. 25.

Last night the House of Commons debate on the Statute of Westminster Bill served to ally the fears of many Conservative members, remarking its possible effects on the position of Ireland in the British Commonwealth, and only a small minority voted on Colonel Gretton's proposal for inclusion of a new clause making illegal any change by the Irish Free State Parliament in the Agreement and Constituent Act of 1922.

The Government strongly opposed the proposal. The Dominions Secretary, Mr. Thomas, pointed out that successive Irish Governments had shown very notable loyalty to the treaty and the Imperial House, reading a letter from Mr. Cosgrave reaffirming that the treaty was an agreement that could only be reached by mutual consent.—*British Wireless*.

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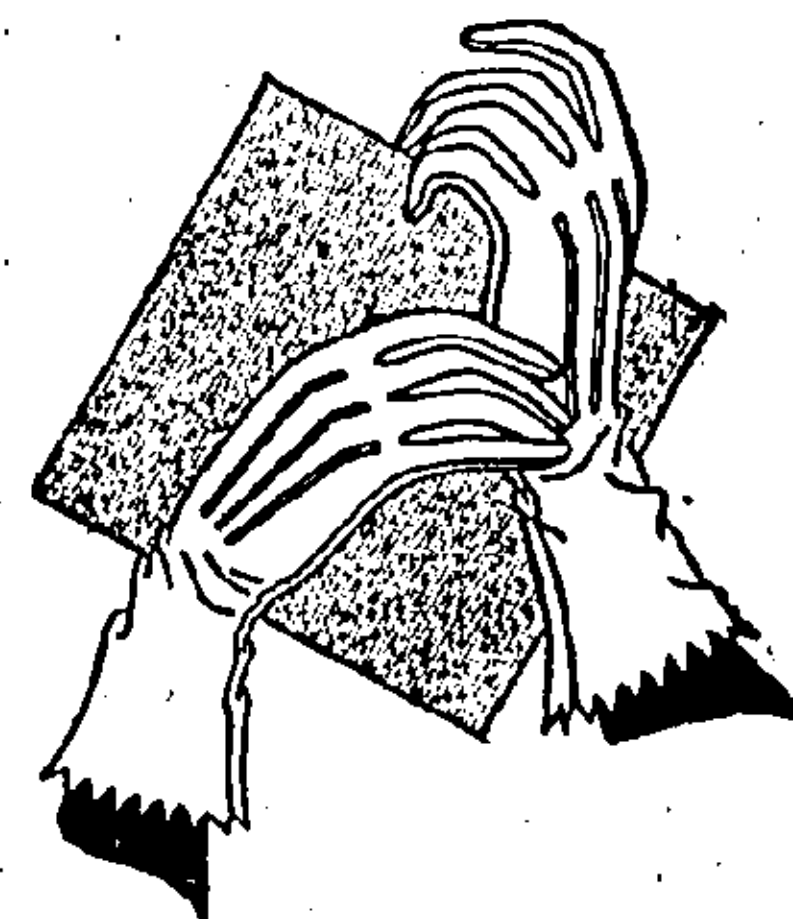
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BRITAIN'S DUTY EXPOUNDED.

London, Nov. 25. During the debate in the House of Lords last night, Lord Lothian, the Under Secretary for India, agreed that the growth of political murders, notably in Bengal, was extremely grave. The British Government in India would support all measures taken to suppress terrorism, and all the more because they appreciated the fair spirit of the delegates to the Round Table Conference, and were anxious to see self-government extended in India.

It was the Government's duty to protect the lives of its own servants and others, and it was not the less its duty to prevent a body of men defying the course of political progress by bringing not reason and argument, but terrorism and assassination to bear. Drastic action must be taken to end this menace.

Final Conclusions.

The final conclusions of the Government on the vitally important questions which have been before the Indian Round Table Conference will be announced by the Prime Minister, probably on Tuesday, when it is anticipated the final plenary session of the conference will end. Meanwhile, forecasts of the Government policy should be treated with reserve.

In recent talks with the leaders of important sections of the Indian delegations, the attitude of the Moslems and Hindu Liberals has been made clear. The Moslems, it is stated, will give no support to the introduction of responsibility at the Centre, or of any further responsibility in the provinces, while the question of protection of minorities remains open. A statement defining the Hindu Liberals' opposition to accepting provincial autonomy as a half-way house was issued last night.

Defence Question.

The draft report on defence and external affairs will be considered to-day by the Federal Structure Committee of the Conference.

It summarises the views expressed during the recent discussion, and states that the majority reaffirmed the conclusion that, during the period of transition, the Governor General shall be responsible for defence, being assisted by a Minister of his own choice, responsible to him and not to the legislature. The majority also reaffirm that the Governor General should be responsible for external relations.—British Wire- less.

AUSTRALIAN AFFAIRS.

GOVERNMENT DEFEATED IN CLOSE VOTE.

Canberra, Nov. 25. The Commonwealth Government was defeated by 37 to 32 votes after a debate arising out of the Labour Minister, Mr. Beasley's, motion for an adjournment of the House of Representatives, on his demand for a select committee to enquire into an allegation that Mr. Theodore, the Federal Treasurer, had shown political bias in his distribution of the unemployment relief grant.—Reuter.

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BRITISH INTEREST IN PEKING RAILWAY.

WARNING TO JAPAN.

Tokyo, Nov. 25. It is reported that Sir Miles Lampson is preparing to warn Japan that military operations along the Peking-Mukden Railway will endanger the interests of the British bondholders.

Commenting on the report, official circles intimate that Japan is prepared fully to compensate for any damage that may result from Japanese action.—Reuter.

Statement by Sir John Simon.

London, Nov. 25.

In the House of Commons to-day, Sir John Simon made a statement that the League Council, including the British, welcomed the Japanese proposal for a commission of enquiry in Manchuria, which is being carefully studied by the Council, the British Government co-operating to the full with the other members of the Council in order to bring the contesting parties together in an effort to reach an agreed solution.

The Chinese delegate had said that he could not accept the commission until he knew further details.—Reuter.

Mr. Lansbury's Motion.

London, Nov. 25.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Lansbury gave notice of his intention to discuss the Manchurian situation on the adjournment of the House this evening.—Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING NEAR CHENTUNG.

SITUATION ACUTE.

Peking, Nov. 25. The Chinese Publicity Bureau reports severe Chinese and Japanese fighting near Chentung. The participants include part of General Chang Hai-peng's army, several thousand Jehol troops from Lupai and Tuchuan, and part of the artillery stationed on the Taonan-Solun Railway.

Places westward of Chentung and Taidai have fallen into a state of confused fighting.

The Bureau adds that the Japanese, fearing that their rear might be cut, are sending large numbers southward from Tsitsihar, while Japanese from Tungliao and Changyue and proceeding to Chentung.—Reuter.

Chinchow Clash Feared.

Tokyo, Nov. 25. The situation westward of Mukden continues acute and it is generally believed that a serious clash between the Chinese and Japanese is inevitable shortly unless the Chinese voluntarily withdraw and disperse the troops concentrated at Chinchow. The situation in North Manchuria appears to have quietened.—Reuter.

Lull in Hostilities. Mukden, Nov. 25. It is officially stated that the fighting near Chulluho yesterday ended at 7 p.m., the Chinese troops leaving 60 dead.

The Japanese casualties were one officer and three men killed, and one officer and 8 men wounded.—Reuter.

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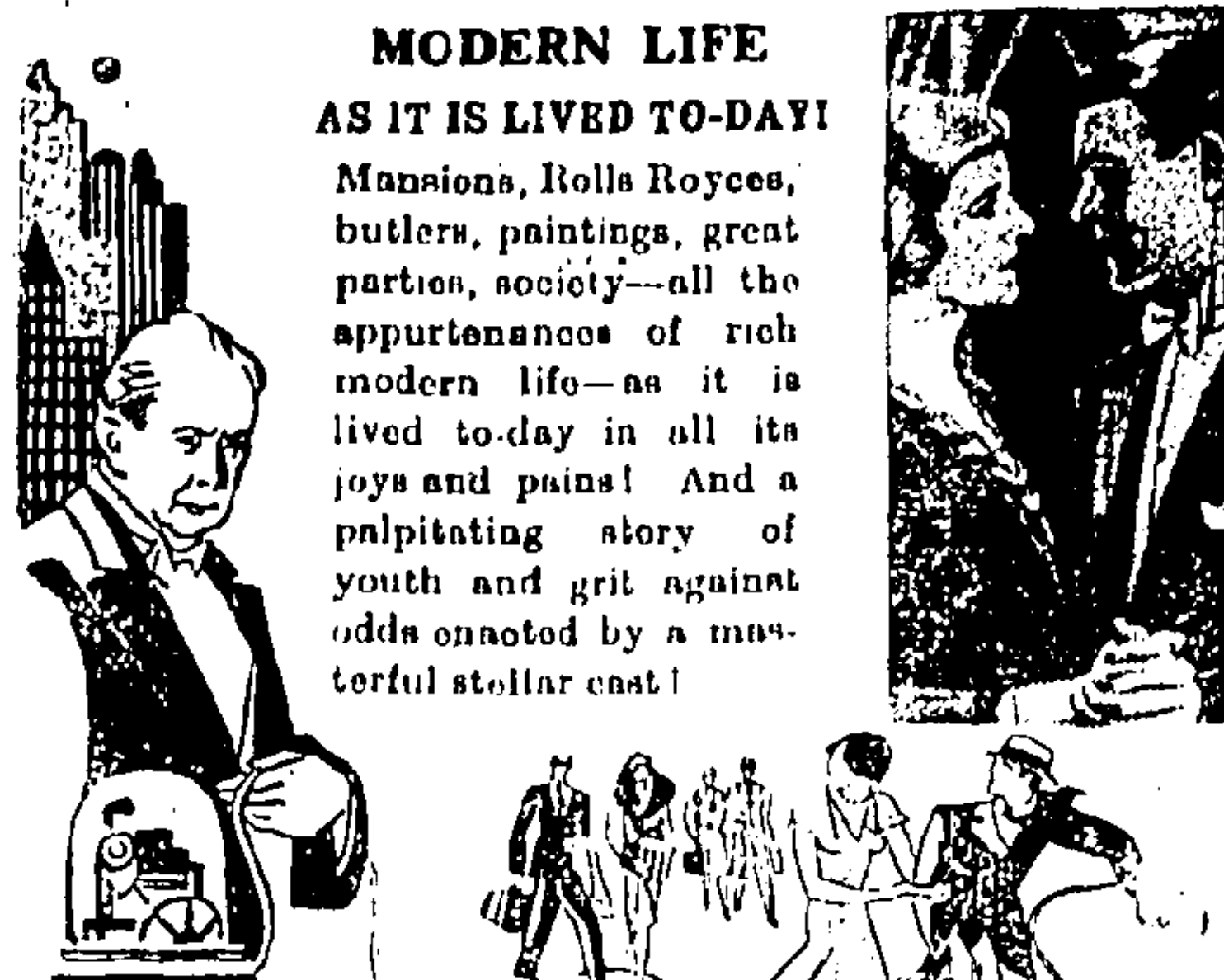
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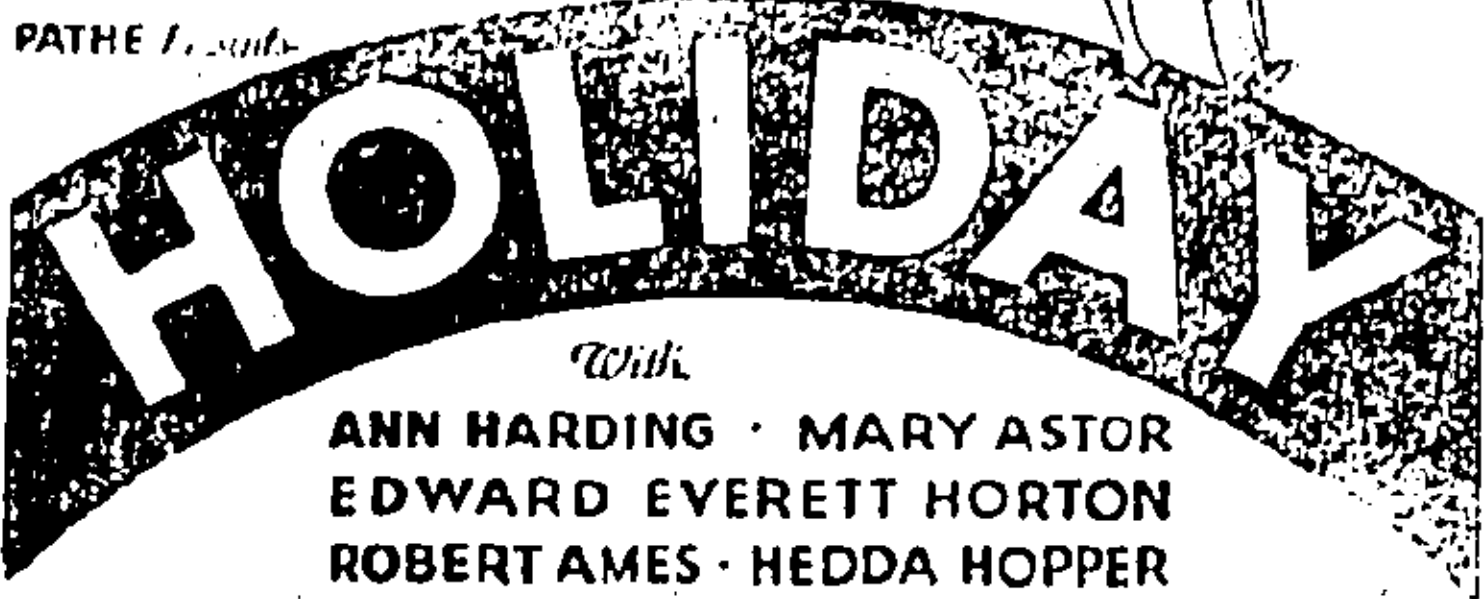
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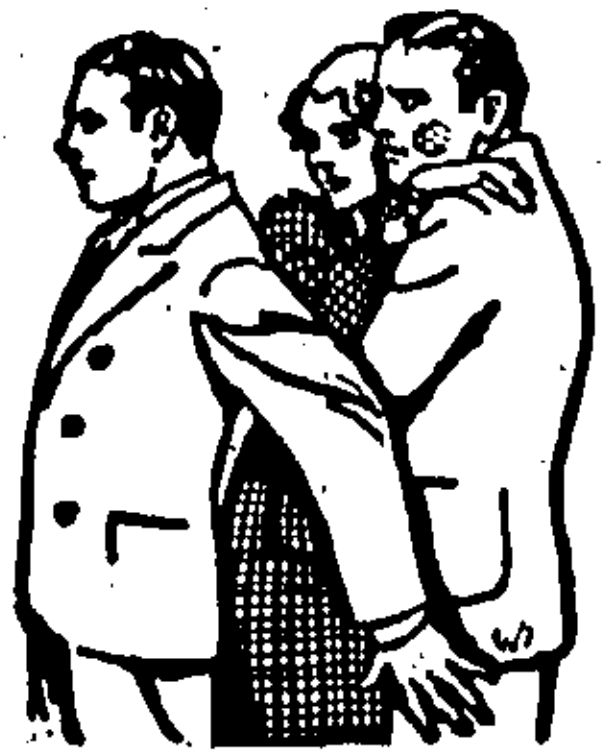
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GEN. HONJO'S LATEST ULTIMATUM.

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Washington Treaty of 1922. The British Government attached the greatest importance to that principle. So far as he knew no damage to British property of person had resulted from the Manchurian disturbance, but any practicable steps which might be necessary would be taken.

Debate in House.

In the subsequent debate on Manchuria raised by Mr. Lansbury, Sir John Simon, who excused himself from making a very detailed statement in view of the delicacy of the question at a time when the League Council was in session, and working with the authority of a collective body, said Mr. Lansbury, in raising the question, was voicing the feeling of large numbers in Britain, America and many countries of the world.

He agreed that the League Covenant stood for the principle that whatever might be the merits of any dispute, the nations must submit it for peaceful settlement.

The League had tried to separate the principle of justice from the principle of force. It had had to avoid taking up a position which might seem to prejudice or to condemn.

There had been what he might call an insoluble problem as between China and Japan regarding Manchuria for over twenty years—a problem with many unusual features.

Treaty Rights.

The present trouble did not begin with the invasion but by Japan exercising undoubted treaty rights in the railway zone which, after clash between Japanese guards and Chinese troops in September, led to the serious feature, which was the spread of Japanese forces into different parts of Manchuria.

Sir John described the efforts of the Council after the appeal by the Chinese Government, paying tribute to the co-operation of the United States Government.

Commenting on the present situation, he said the information which had reached him to-day was rather more encouraging. He thought they might now assume that there was no desire by Japan to insist on the recognition of the disputed treaty rights as a condition of assenting to a League inquiry.

No Evacuation Delay.

It was quite clear that the Commission of Enquiry was not to be, and could not be, any possible reason for postponing or delaying evacuation at the earliest moment, and Japan had never withdrawn her assurance that she would withdraw her troops at the earliest possible moment, consistent with order. There was considerable dispute about the facts and he was convinced that if they got the assent of China and Japan to an impartial inquiry, it would serve the cause of peace.

He could not hold out a hope of happy issue out of the trouble in

FORGERY OF A H.K. BANKNOTE.

CHINESE ADMITS POSSESSION.

POLICE SUSPICIONS.

A charge of possession of a forged \$10 note of the Chartered Bank was brought against a Chinese before Mr. Grantham at the Central Police Court this morning.

Defendant admitted the charge and remarked that it was given to him by a friend, to whom he intended to return it.

Detective-Inspector John Murphy informed the Court that a district watchman, acting on information received, arrested defendant at a ten house at 288, Queen's Road, West. He also had a couple of ten cent pieces in his possession but they were all genuine. The Police anticipated that defendant would have had more counterfeit money on him as he was suspected of being one of a ring of traffickers of forged bank notes which were being brought down to Hongkong from Canton.

The defendant said that he had been given the note by a friend in payment of a debt and when he tried to change it he was informed that it was a forgery. He had kept the note with the intention of returning it to the friend.

The case was adjourned until Saturday for defendant to bring evidence to substantiate his statement.

CURB ON POLITICAL THREATS.

BRAVADO OF HITLER BRINGS REPRISALS.

Berlin, Nov. 20.

At the meeting of Thuringen, Herr Frick, the leader of the parliamentary group of the National Socialists, repeated in the presence of Herr Hitler that when the Hitlerists come to power, they will sweep away Marxism within 24 hours following the example of Italian Fascism, and that some tens of thousands of Marxist leaders will pay for this operation.

In the same hall, where Herr Frick pronounced this threat, the Prussian Minister of the Interior replied that Prussia will take new measures in order that speakers uttering open or disguised threats against their political adversaries would be prohibited from speaking in public in Prussian territory.

a day or two, but the force of the League depended on public opinion and it would be of advantage to have the facts impartially presented to the world.

He would do the utmost possible in the name of Britain to try to secure early and peaceful end to the alarming situation.—British Wireless.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN AUTOGIRO.

SUCCESSFUL TESTS IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 20.

A new era in aviation, when the businessman will be able to take off from his garden in his own plane and land on the roof of his office, was opened at Hanworth aerodrome to-day, with the demonstration of two new types of autogiro machines.

The machines were two seaters, one an open autogiro and the other of the cabin type.

The demonstration certainly proved that the time is approaching when a suburban householder will be able to consider keeping an autogiro in his back garden and being able to take off and land again there. A space of only 30 yards is required for a vertical ascent.

The machines have speeds of 104 and 115 miles an hour. The open model costs £1,250 and the cabin autogiro, £1,500. Their great feature is safety. They can be slowed down to under a mile an hour and can practically come to a standstill in the air. Yet they can attain just as fast a speed as the normal aircraft.

BOMB OUTRAGES IN CAIRO.

22 NATIVES CHARGED WITH TERRORISM.

Cairo, Nov. 20.

Twenty-two natives are being tried here to-day on charges of terrorism ranging from the construction of infernal machines to the attempted murder of the rector of a Moslem University.

The trial is a sequel to a series of bomb outrages which caused great anxiety during the past few weeks.

The police are using strong measures to bring the perpetrators to book and the arrest of the two men to be tried to-day represents their first vigorous round-up of suspected characters.

U.S. BANK DEPOSITS VANISH.

FOUR PER CENT. SWALLOWED UP BY BANK CLOSURES.

New York, Nov. 19.

Four per cent. of the total bank deposits in the United States have been swallowed up by the failure of no fewer than 1,700 banks, with deposits of nearly \$1,500,000,000, during the first ten months of this year.

During October a record was created by the suspension of 512 banks, with deposits totalling \$560,000,000.

The brighter side of the situation, however, is shown by the fact that 220 banks have re-opened during the last three weeks.

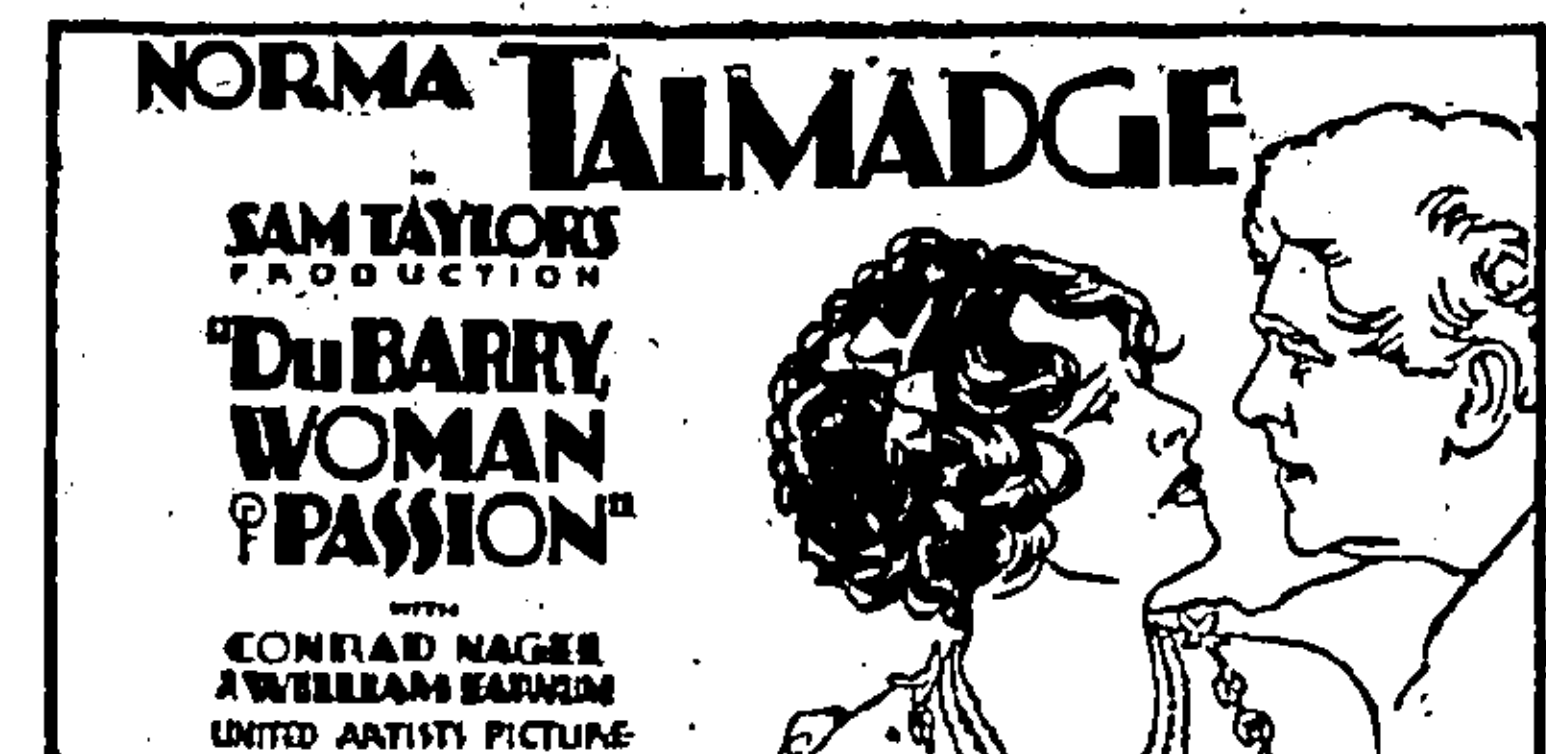
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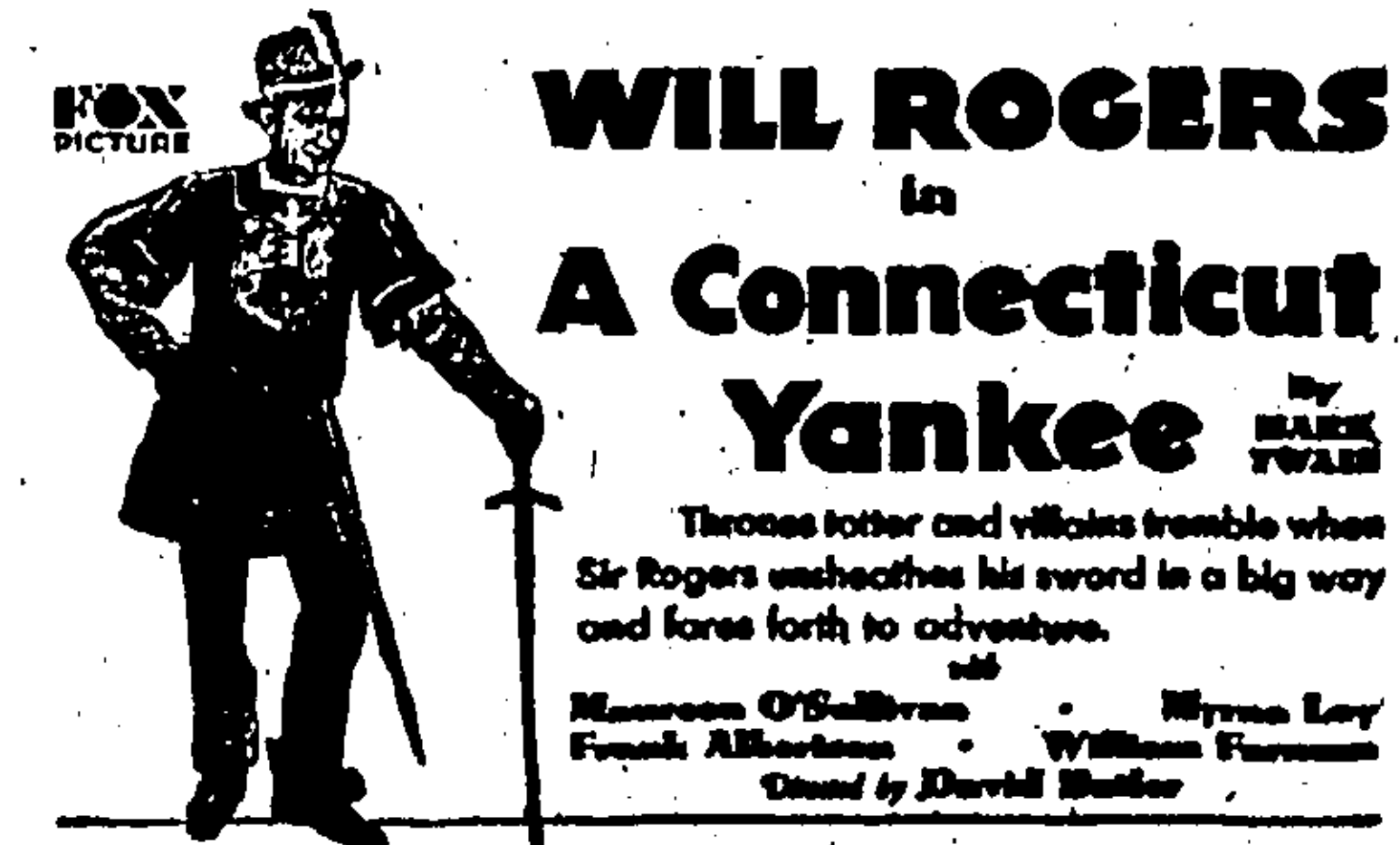
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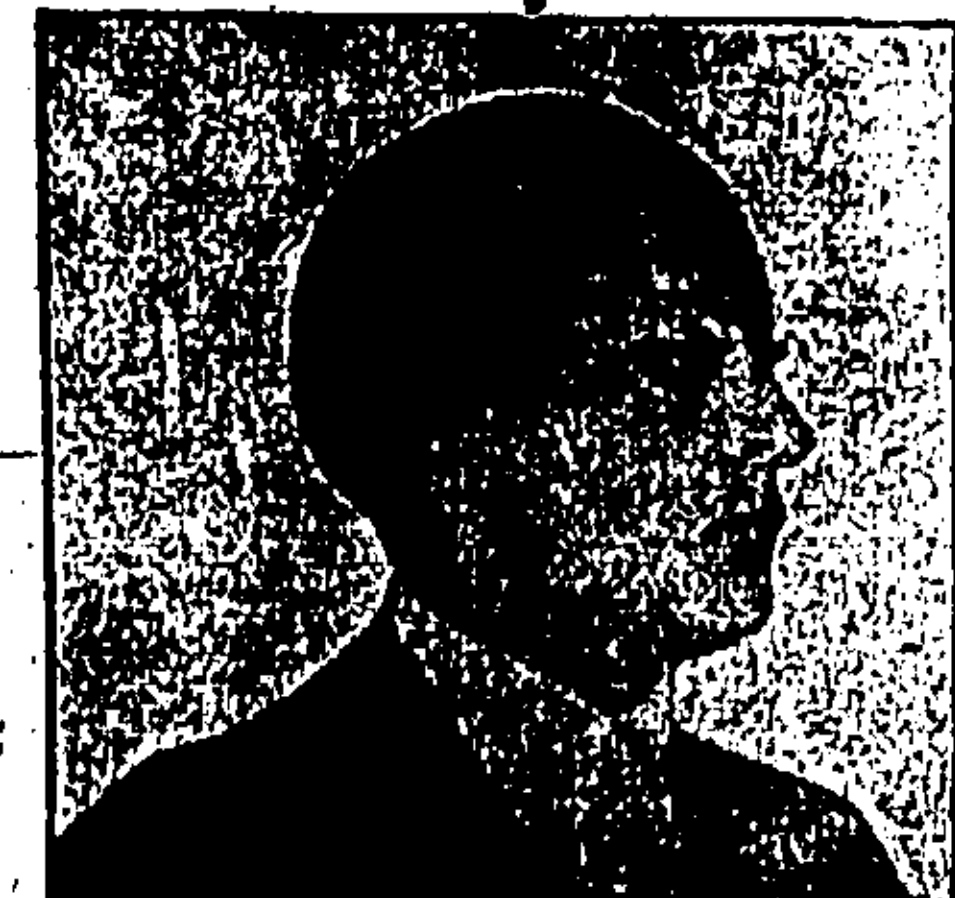
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